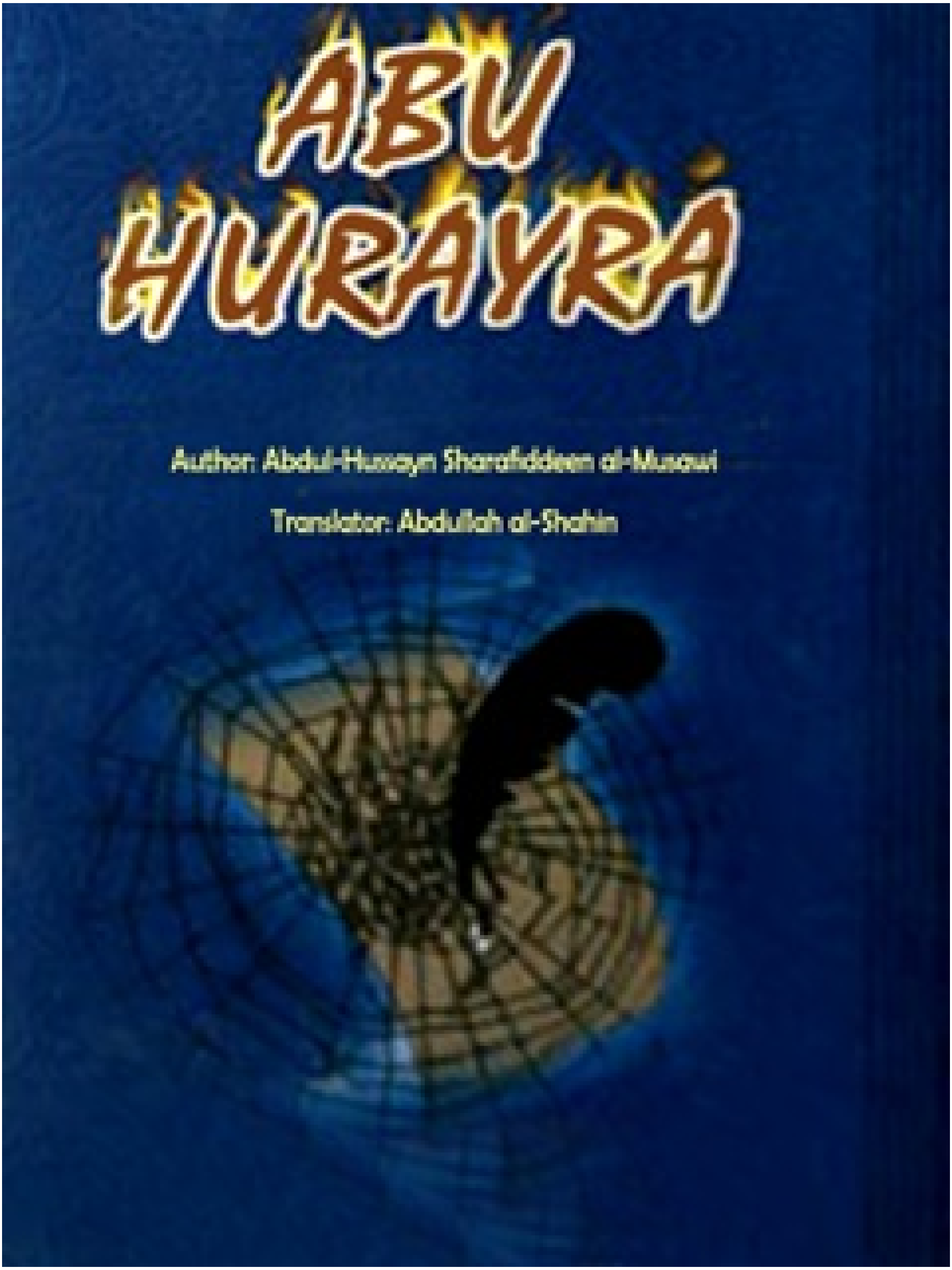

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Preface

In The Name Of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful

This is a survey of one of Prophet Muhammad's (S.) companions' biography. He narrated from the Prophet (S.) so many traditions until he exceeded all the limits, and the Sunni books of Hadith quoted from him until they exceeded the limits too. We didn't have any way in front of this large number of traditions narrated by this man (Abu Hurayra) except to search for their sources because they concerned our religious and psychological life directly; otherwise we would leave them and their sources aside and look for something .more important

This large number of traditions narrated by this man spread in the branches and fundamentals of the religion that made the Sunni jurisprudents depend upon widely in .dealing with the laws of Allah (S.w.T.) and the Shari'ah

It was not strange of them, for they thought that all the companions were fair and just. And since there was no evidence to prove that, we had no way save to research on this man and his traditions to be certain about what concerned the branches and fundamentals of the laws made by Allah (S.w.T.). This made us obliged to study with scrutiny the biography of this man (Abu Hurayra) and his traditions. I went

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too far in research until the truth appeared in this book and the sun of certainty shone, .thanks to Allah (S.w.T.) for that

As to Abu Hurayra himself, we will let you see the history of his life and his psychology as it was exactly. And as for his traditions, we studied them thoughtfully as quantity and quality and it was not possible for us, I swear by Allah (S.w.T.), except to deny them as what his fellows did at his days. You will read that in details at its place in this book, .(.inshAllah (S.w.T

Was it possible for any wise man to accept this large number of traditions narrated by this man, which were more than all what were narrated by the four caliphs, the nine mother's ?of believers wives of the Prophet (S.) and all the Hashemites, men and women

Could an illiterate man, lately became a Muslim and therefore the period of his companionship with the Prophet (S.) was short, to comprehend from the Prophet (S.) so much many traditions that the first Muslims and the relatives of the Prophet (S.) could ?not

The good sense and the scientific criterion would not accept a lot of the plentifulness and .the wonders narrated by this man

The Sunna in its philosophy, its methods and its aspects has certain characteristics that the wise, men of sense and the linguists know clearly. When they hear or read something of the Sunna, they find it distinct according to their common sense and criteria. They

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.find its aspects and signs distinct too without any doubt or suspect

The Sunna was higher than to have thorny weeds, by which Abu Hurayra had stung the good senses and had wounded the scientific criteria before he distorted the exalted .Shari'ah and wronged to the Prophet (S.) and his umma

In short, the Sunna was the method of Islam and the law of life, according to which life must be typical in morals, beliefs, social relationships, science and literature. So it was no logic to be silent about this disgraceful intervention in the essence of Islam, which called .for being free from absurd beliefs and superstition, which mind definitely denied

So it was necessary to clear the books of Hadith by removing many traditions narrated by .this man that mind does not accept

I say that and I may see some faces frown, and others shrink away from me. They may, because of inheritance, upbringing and environment, shrink away from a fact shone by research different from what they thought that all the companions were just and fair without testing their deeds and sayings according to the criteria the Prophet (S.) put for his umma. Because companionship, in their point of view, was as sanctum and whoever resorted to, could not be accused of anything whatever he did. This was unacceptable, .against the evidences and far away from rightness

In fact, companionship was a great virtue but it did not make the Prophet's (S.) companions infallible. Among the Prophet's (S.) companions, there were

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saints, veracious and honest men, as well as the unknown ones. Also there were the hypocrites, who committed sins and crimes. The holy Qur'an declared that clearly

and from among the people of Medina (also); they are stubborn in hypocrisy; you do not..) .know them; We know them).۹:۱۰۱

So we can depend upon the just companions and research to be certain about the unknown ones, whereas the guilty and criminals have no value, neither they nor their .traditions

This was our point of view about whoever narrated a prophetic tradition. The holy Qur'an and the Sunna were our guide.(۱) We never excused the liars even if they were called companions, because it was disloyalty to Allah (S.w.T.), His Apostle, and people. It was enough for us to depend upon the jurisprudents, veracious, and virtuous of the great companions of the Prophet (S.) and his family, whom he (S.) ordered to be at the same .rank with the holy Qur'an and to be the example for the wise

As a result, we have agreed upon, even we were somehow different at the beginnings, that the Sunni respected Abu Hurayra, Samara bin Jundub, al-Magheera, Mu'awiya, Amr bin al-Aass, Marwan bin al-Hakam and the likes because they (the Sunni) sanctified the Prophet (S.) and those, who were among the Prophet's (S.) companions. At the same time we criticized them just to sanctify the Prophet (S.) and his Sunna just like an open minded, .who understood the meaning of holiness and glorification

,Of course, after that, he

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۱ - But the Sunni went too far by putting a holy nimbus around whoever called a companion until they became immoderate. They trusted every one of them, good or bad. They imitated blindly the freed captives (whom the Prophet (S.) set free when he conquered Mecca) and every one heard or saw the Prophet (S.). They denied whoever contradicted them exceeding all the limits. Refer to pg. ۱۱-۱۵ and pg.۲۳ in our book (the .((answers of Musa JarAllah (S.w.T

who denied whoever ascribed to the Prophet (S.) something unbelievable, was worthier to honor the Prophet (S.) and worthier to be in the way, which the Prophet wanted for his umma. The Prophet (S.) had warned that there would be many liars fabricating lies when .narrating untrue traditions and he had threatened them to be in Hell

Here I publish this study in the book (Abu Hurayra) for showing the truth and to purify the Sunna and its ascription to the great sacred Prophet (S.), who

,never speaks out of desire) ۵۳:۳..)

to be sincere for the truth in good thinking and honest in consideration and to be impartial for the sake of the truth according to the scientific and mental bases, which deny to respect a liar fabricating lies and ascribing them to the Prophet (S.) and to be exempted from criticism just because he was one of the Prophet's (S.) companions. We deny submitting blindly to the traditions narrated by this man concerning the prophetic Sunna, which was worthier to be honored because it is the Prophet's (S.) mission to the world .until the Day of Resurrection

No one is to frown or to be depressed when we present this book with an impartial study, for we respect free thinking and don't let it be low under the feet of superstitions and then to be surrounded by an illusory wall of holiness

with a wall having a door in it; (as for) the inside of it, there shall be mercy..)

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.in it, and (as for) the outside of it, before it there shall be punishment) ۵٧:١٣

We don't want any face to frown or any one to be depressed, but in fact we want every one who goes under the black cloud of traditions, that reached him age after age, to be free from fanaticism and to read this book thoughtfully

Those who listen to the word, then follow the best of it; those are they whom Allah has) .guided, and those it is who are the men of understanding) ٣٩:١٨

We do not intend with this book, I swear by Allah (S.w.T.), to split the unity between the different sects of Muslims, which is now going to be active at these days of waking, but to strengthen it with freedom in option and belief in order for this unity to be a clearer and .better guided goal. I ask Allah (S.w.T.) for tawfiq

The mental dignity is the best of dignities that rational people seek out even if it costs .them their money or their lives because it is the way to glory and the bridge for unity

But if some of our Muslim brothers turn their face away in disdain, I ask them just to listen to these simple notes and then to give their suggestion. They will find us, inshAllah (S.w.T.), more determined to strengthen the unity between the Muslims in spite of those .thorns, which prick the intellect and sting the conscience

We will talk about different thoughts here; some of

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them dealt with mind and its power and horizon, some touched the belief in its aspects and meanings, some touched the natures, others were contradictory refuting each other, some were away from the scientific bases derived from the essence of the religion and many of them were adulation to the Umayyads or to the public opinion at those days, and .some were of imagination and insanity. But all of them were away from rightness at all

One of Abu Hurayra's wonders is that the angel of death used to come to people visibly, but when he came to Prophet Moses (a.s.) to take his life, Moses (a.s.) slapped him, gouged his eye, and sent him back on his sumpter to his God one-eyed. After this !accident, the angel of death went to people invisibly

One other wonder of Abu Hurayra's was the competition between Moses and the rock. Moses (a.s.) put his cloths on the rock to swim in the sea away from people. The rock ran away with Moses' cloths in order to force him to follow it nakedly as he was born in front of the Israelites in order to refute the rumor saying that Moses had a hernia. Moses ran after the rock shouting: "O, rock, my cloths. O rock, my cloths." The rock stopped after ending its task. Moses began beating the rock with his stick severely until he made some .scars in the rock. There were six or seven scars in the rock

The funniest thing in this

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tradition was the hesitation of Abu Hurayra about the number of the scars in the rock, because his piety imposed upon him not to narrate a tradition unless he was so certain as !he was certain of the sun's light

And: the gold locusts falling over Prophet Ayyub (Job) when he was bathing and that he .began to collect them in his cloths

And: two newborn babies talking with reason and rationality about the unseen where .there was no cause to break the natural rules

And: a cow and a wolf speaking eloquent Arabic showing that they had reason, wisdom and knowledge about the unseen where there is no any cause for challenge and miracles. .Abu Hurayra narrated this tradition to show the virtues of the first and the second caliphs

And another wonderful superstition: that the Satan came to Abu Hurayra's house in three .successive nights to steal some food for his hungry children

And: that an Israelite nation was lost and after looking for them they found that they had been turned into mice. The evidence was that when they were given camel's milk they did .not drink and when they were given ewe's milk they drank

And: that he (Abu Hurayra) was with al-Ala' with an army of four thousand soldiers. They came to a bay, which had not been crossed before them and would never be crossed after them. Al-Ala' grasped the rein of his horse and walked above the water! The army followed him without a foot, a slipper or

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!a hoof becoming wet

And: his tradition about his haversack, which had a few dates, that he fed all the army while the dates still as they were. He had been living by this haversack along the period of the Prophet (S.), Abu Bakr, Omar, and Othman until it was stolen during the revolution .against Othman

And: his tradition about Dawood (Prophet David), who finished reading the holy Qur'an in a very short time. He ordered to saddle his horse and before it was saddled, he had finished reading all the Qur'an. Is that not like someone's saying: He put the entire world ?inside an egg

In some of his traditions, he dealt with Allah (S.w.T.), glory be to Him. His imagination !made some images for Allah (S.w.T.). Far it be from Him

He said that Allah (S.w.T.) had created Adam like His own shape. He was sixty cubits height and seven cubits breadth. Abu Hurayra diversified in this tradition. Sometimes he said: If one of you quarreled with another, let avoid the face because Allah (S.w.T.) had created Adam according to His image. Another time he said: if someone beat another, let avoid the face and never say: what an ugly face you have, because Allah (S.w.T.) had created Adam according to His image. Sometime he said: Adam had been created .according to the image of the Beneficent

This man was fascinated by his imagination to draw such images for Allah (S.w.T.) and Adam with skilled literature and instructions, which if we ascribe to

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.Islam, we will find many strange things that make us laugh and cry at the same time

He narrated another tradition saying that Allah (S.w.T.) comes to this nation in the Day of Resurrection in a shape different from what they know and says: I am your God. They say: God forbid! We will not move from here until our God comes to us. If He comes we will know Him. Then Allah (S.w.T.) comes in the shape that they know and says: I am your .god. They say: You are our God. Then they follow Him

He narrated that in a long dark story full of imagination, showing Allah (S.w.T.) in different shapes, disguising, coming and going in dramatic actions with jokes, dialogues and deception. The tradition made fun of Allah (S.w.T.) in a way that not only contradicted the Islamic beliefs and the simplest bases of rationality but also the royal etiquette if we .accept-God forbid-the thought of embodiment, far be it from Allah (S.w.T.), the Almighty

And his tradition that Hell will not be full until Allah (S.w.T.) puts His leg in it! In one of his wonders showing that Hell will be proud on having the tyrants and disdainful people, while .Paradise will be humble to have poor and miserable people

And his tradition that Allah (S.w.T.) comes down to the lower sky every night and says: ?""Who prays to me, so that I grant him

And many others like that which were the cause for the thought

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of embodiment to arise at the age of complexity of thoughts, and because of which many .kinds of heresies and errors came out

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Abu Hurayra narrated many traditions about the prophets (a.s.). He described them however he liked. In one of those traditions, he described the terrors of the Day of Resurrection. People resort to Adam (a.s.) then to Noah (a.s.) then to Abraham (a.s.) then to Moses (a.s.) then to Jesus (a.s.) in useless clamor, for these prophets (as Abu Hurayra pretended) are prevented to be intercessors by Allah (S.w.T.), Who became very angry with them (before) to a degree that He didn't become so angry before that nor would be after that because they (the prophets) had committed sins (invented by Abu Hurayra's imagination). Abu Hurayra did not find any way to prefer Prophet Muhammad (S.) except to defame the other prophets (peace be upon them). Also his tradition when he ascribed :(doubt to Prophet Abraham (a.s.) when he says (according to the Qur'an

,And Ibrahim when he said: My Lord! Show me how Thou givest life to the dead...) ٢:٢۶٠)

in which Abu Hurayra made Prophet Muhammad (S.) worthier to be doubtful than Abraham (a.s.) and made Prophet Joseph (a.s.) better than Prophet Muhammad (S.) for he :was patient. He criticized Prophet Lot when he says

Ah! that I had power to suppress you, rather I shall have recourse to a strong support).) .١١:٨٠

And his tradition which showed that prophet Solomon (a.s.) broke his father's verdict

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about a baby that two women pretended to be theirs, and prophet David (a.s.) judged that the baby was the old woman's. Solomon (a.s.) said: "Bring me a knife to cut the baby into two halves, one half for each of them." The young woman cried: "Don't do that." So he judged that the baby was hers. The contradiction between two prophets about one of Allah (S.w.T.)'s verdict was unacceptable according to the Islamic Shari'ah. The funniest part in this superstition was that Abu Hurayra said that he had never heard of sikkeen .(knife) in his life where they used to call it midya

And his tradition that prophet Solomon (a.s.) said: "I will go to bed with a hundred women tonight that every one of them will give birth to a boy, who will fight for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.)." The angel asked him to say inshAllah. He did not say. So no one of his wives gave !birth to a baby save one, who gave birth to half a human being

And another one about an ant that pinched prophet Moses (a.s.). Moses (a.s.) ordered his followers to burn the village of the ants. Then Allah (S.w.T.) inspired to him: "Because of an "!(.ant that pinched you, you burnt a nation, which praised Allah (S.w.T

And his tradition about Prophet Muhammad (S.) that he harmed, abused, cursed and whipped innocent ones just because of anger, therefore his harming, abusing, cursing and whipping them would be a penance for

.their sins

If that was ascribed to Pharaoh, it would be shameful for him. How about our infallible Prophet (S.)! Some people were cursed by the Prophet (S.) and they did not deserve forgiveness, could Abu Hurayra force us to love and respect them as virtuous people? ?What are the right criteria after this funny criterion of Abu Hurayra

In another tradition he said that the Satan came to the Prophet (S.) to disturb his prayers. Prophet Muhammad (S.) strangled the Satan and wanted to tie him to a column to let :people look at him tied up, but he remembered Solomon's (a.s.) saying

He said: My Lord! do Thou forgive me and grant me a kingdom which is not fit for (being ,inherited by) anyone after me) ۳۸:۳۵

and set him free. And his tradition saying that Prophet Muhammad (S.) was sleeping and .missed the Fajr (dawn) prayer

And many others, which opened the door to say that the prophets were not infallible and they might make mistakes. This is unacceptable for it cancels the real sense and essence .of prophecy

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There was another kind of his traditions showing you the contradiction clearly. Notice the two traditions of Abu Salama, which he heard from Abu Hurayra about infection. He denied it in the first one and proved it in the second. Abu Salama asked him: "Didn't you say that there is no infection?" Abu Hurayra denied his first tradition and began to .murmur in Abyssinian

See his tradition about Solomon (a.s.) and

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his wives. In one occasion he said that they were one hundred. Other times he said they .were ninety, seventy, and sixty. All of that were mentioned in the Sahih books

If you see his tradition about his migration, you will find clearly that he was a poor hungry bare-footed servant. He served this and that for a meal. How did he have a servant, about whom he talked in Sham(١) (Damascus)? He said (during the reign of Mu'awiya): "When I came to meet the Prophet (S.), my servant escaped in the way. While I had been with the Prophet (S.) to pay homage, my servant came in. the Prophet (S.) said to me: "Is ".(.this your servant?" I said: "I set him free for the sake of Allah (S.w.T

Look at his traditions talking about himself during his living in the (suffa) (٢) shelter. You will find that he was one of its destitute inhabitants. He lived in it along the life of the Prophet (S.). It was his abode day and night, for he neither had a clan nor a house in Medina. He clothed himself with a woolen piece, which lice crept on. He tied it around his neck to reach his legs. He gathered it with his hands in order that his private parts not to be seen. Hunger threw him down unconsciously between the minbar and the room of the mosque. So wherefrom did he get a house that he pretended in the last days of his

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١- Now Syria, Jordan, Palestine, and Lebanon.

٢- A shelter made at a side of the mosque for the destitute and the poor to live in.

life? It was a part of a tradition he told in Damascus about himself and his mother who .became Muslim by the Prophet's (S.) praying for her and her son-as he said

Look at his protest against those, who denied his traditions. You will find it contradictory and invalid that hearings turn away from for its silliness and minds deny for its uselessness. Abu Hurayra's evidence against those, who condemned his traditions was a tradition narrated by him saying that once he spread his garment in front of the Prophet .(.(S

The Prophet (S.) began to ladle knowledge with his hands and put it into the garment saying to Abu Hurayra: "Join it to your chest." Abu Hurayra joined it to his chest and became infallible from forgetting; therefore he was the best of companions in keeping .Sunna in mind and the most aware of it

What ridiculous evidence that served his opponents more than to serve him! It confirmed that what they had ascribed to him was right that he narrated traditions according to his temper without knowing what he was saying. But we do not have save Allah (S.w.T.) to .judge between us

It was enough for us that he narrated traditions without seeing or hearing and then he :pretended that he saw and heard. Here is an example

Abu Hurayra said that one day he entered the house of Ruqayya, the daughter of the Prophet (S.) and the wife of Othman. She had a comb in her hand. She said: "The

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".Prophet (S.) was here and left a moment ago. I combed his hair

It was certain that Ruqayya died in the third year of hijra after the battle of Badr and Abu Hurayra came to Medina and became a Muslim in the seventh year of hijra after the ?battle of Khaybar. So where could he meet Ruqayya and her comb

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Here is an example of his traditions, which were far away from the scientific bases of Islam. He said: "Prophet Muhammad (S.) sent us in a mission and said: "If you find that man and that man (he called them by names) burn them both in fire." When we wanted to set out he said: "I had ordered you to burn those two men in fire, but it is only Allah (S.w.T.) ".that may torture people with fire, so if you find them kill them

It was an abrogation of a matter before its time to be achieved. It was impossible for .Allah (S.w.T.) and his Apostle

He had many incredible and imaginative traditions. We mentioned six of them at the end .of his forty traditions in this book to be examples for the others

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He flattered the Umayyads and their assistants servilely. He also flattered the public opinion at those days very much. We mentioned some of his traditions in this concern in the later chapters. You may inspect them impartially to find that he was hungry and wanted to fill his stomach via inventing traditions for the

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sake of this and that. He wanted to satisfy his imagination, an imagination of someone who was deprived of the pleasures of an ordinary life. He, after that, confessed that he was a foothold in an age that scorned and starved him and then he was thrown to an age that satisfied his hunger just to invent traditions. After that, do we trust in him and depend ?on him as evidence? Do we throw our minds and beliefs under his feet unthoughtfully

If that was right according to mentality and the Shari'ah, then let Abu Hurayra and his followers go to their sanctum, which politics erected and put between traditions and .inheritances

And if that traditions and inheritances were a cause of separation or an object of .disagreement, let them be until the sun rises

I desire nothing but reform so far as I am able, and with none but Allah is the direction of) .my affair to a right issue; on Him do I rely and to Him do I turn) ۱۱:۸۸

Abu Hurayra

He narrated from the Prophet Muhammad (S.) excessively. The six Sahih books of Hadith and the rest of the Sunni books quoted from him much many traditions. In front of this large number of traditions, we had no way but to research on their sources, because they concerned our religious and mental life directly. Otherwise we would turn away from .them and their narrator to take care of something more important

But these numerous traditions spread into the

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branches and fundamentals of the religion that made all the Sunnis of the four sects and the Ash'arites and their lecturers trust in and depend upon when dealing with the Shari'ah. So there was no way save to research on the narrator himself and his traditions .to be certain about the laws of Allah (S.w.T.) and His Shari'ah

His Name and Genealogy

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Abu Hurayra was obscure in ancestry and family. People were very different about his name and his father's. His name was unknown in the pre-Islamic and Islamic era.(۲) He was known by his surname. He was from Douss. It was a Yemeni tribe descended from Douss bin Adnan bin Abdullah bin Zahran bin Ka'b bin al-Harith bin Ka'b bin Malik bin an-NaDhr bin al-Azd bin al-Ghouth.

It was said(۳) that his father's name was Omayr and he was the son of Aamir bin Abd Thi ash-Shara bin Tareef bin Abu Sa'b bin Hunayya bin Sa'd bin Tha'laba bin Sulaym bin Fahm .bin Ghanam bin Douss

His mother was Omayma bint (daughter of) Sufayh bin al-Harith bin Shabi bin Abu Sa'b (bin Hunayya bin Sa'd bin Tha'laba bin Sulaym bin Fahm bin Ghanam bin Douss. (۴

His surname was Abu Hurayra because of a small cat he was fond of.(۵) Perhaps it was because of his fondness of his cat that he narrated a tradition that Prophet Muhammad (S.) had said: "A woman would be in Hell because of a cat. She tied it. She neither fed it nor let it

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۱ - In the name of Allah (S.w.T.), the Beneficent, the Merciful, and peace be upon His chosen slaves. Abdul-Hussein bin Sharafuddin al-Musawi al-Aamily, who hopes Allah (S.w.T.)'s forgiveness, says: This is an annotation included the references of this book. We did not leave a bit unless we had referred to its source. We hope researchers to refer to. I present this work for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.) and may Allah (S.w.T.) make it be useful for .the others

۲ - This was mentioned exactly by Abu Omar bin Abdul-Birr in the biography of Abu

Hurayra in his book Al-Issti'ab. If you read about his biography in other books like Al-Issaba, Usdul-Ghaba, Ibn Sa'd's Tabaqat and others you will find that his ancestry and .lineage were obscure

by Muhammad bin Hisham bin as-Sa'ib al-Kalbi mentioned in Ibn Sa'd's Tabaqat in Abu -٣ Hurayra's biography and certified by Abu Ahmed ad-Dimyati as in Ibn Hajar's Issaba in .Abu Hurayra's biography

.As it was mentioned by Ibn Sa'd in his Tabaqat pg. ٥٢, part ٢, vol. ۴ -۴

Ibn Qutayba ad-Daynouri mentioned in his book Al-Ma'arif pg.٩٣ that Abu Hurayra said: -۵ "I was surnamed with Abu Hurayra because of a small cat (in Arabic, hirra means cat and hurayra means small cat (kitten)) I used to play with." Ibn Sa'd in his Tabaqat, in Abu Hurayra's biography mentioned that Abu Hurayra said: "I grazed sheep and I had a small cat. When night came I put it on a tree and in the morning I took it to play with, so they called me Abu Hurayra.) Whoever wrote about Abu Hurayra's biography mentioned that or something like that. He kept on fondness of his cat and playing with it at the days of Islam until Prophet Muhammad (S.) saw him putting his cat inside his sleeve. This was .(mentioned by al-Fayrooz Abadi in his book Al-Qamoos Al-Muheet, article of (hirra

feed on ground's insects."(۱) Aa'isha (the Prophet's (S.) wife) denied this tradition as you will read it at its place of this book, inshAllah (S.w.T.).

(.His Early Life, Becoming Muslim and His Companionship with the Prophet (S

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He was born in Yemen and grew up there until he was over thirty years old.(۲) He was so ignorant that he had not a bit of insight, nor a little perception. He was a pauper forgotten by the age, an orphan hit by poverty, serving this and that, man or woman just to fill his stomach,(۳) barefooted, naked, contented with this disgrace, comforted with his .condition

But when Allah (S.w.T.) had confirmed His apostle's mission in Medina after the battles of Badr, Uhud and al-Ahzab and so and so, there was no way for this miserable pauper to go in but that of Islam. He migrated to pay homage to the Prophet Muhammad (S.) after the .battle of Khaybar in the seventh year of hijra according to all of the historians

As for his companionship with the Prophet (S.), it was three years as he declared in one of his traditions mentioned by al-Bukhari. (۴)

(.At The Time of The Prophet (S

When Abu Hurayra became a Muslim, he joined the destitute of Suffa who, as Abul-Fida' said in his book at-Tareekh al-Mukhtassar (brief history), were poor people with no houses or relatives. They slept in the mosque and they stayed in it at the time of the Prophet (S.). Suffa was their shelter, so they were called by that name (ahl us-suffa). When the Prophet (S.) had his dinner, he

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۱- Mentioned by al-Bukhari in his Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of "Beginning of creation", pg.۱۴۹ and .by Ahmed bin Hanbal in his Musnad, vol.۲ pg.۲۶۱

۲- I came from (Yemen) while the Prophet (S.) was in Khaybar. I was, then, more than .thirty years old

۳- Abu Hurayra told about himself and said as mentioned in his biography in Issaba,

Hilyatul-Awliya, and other books: "I was a servant for ibn (son of) Affan and bint (daughter of) Ghazwan. I led their sumpters when they rode and served them when they got down ".just for food to stay alive

In his Sahih, (pg.۱۸۲ in author's copy of Sahih), vol.۲ section on "Signs of prophethood in -۴ .Islam". Also mentioned in Abu Hurayra's biography in Issaba and Tabaqat

invited some of them to dine with him and sent some others to dine with his companions. One of the famous inhabitants of suffa was Abu Hurayra. (١)

Abu Na'eem al-Isfahani said in his book Hilyatul-Awliya'(٢) that Abu Hurayra was the most famous inhabitant of suffa. He lived in it along the life of the Prophet (S.) and he did not move out. He was the introducer of the suffa

He told about himself that he was one of the destitute inhabitants of the suffa, in a long tradition mentioned by al-Bukhari. (٣)

Abu Hurayra said as in al-Bukhari's Sahih(٤): "I saw seventy of the inhabitants of suffa(٥), no one of them had a dress on him. They either had loincloth or a piece of cloth tied to their necks, some reached half of their legs and some reached their heels, which they gathered in order that their private parts not to bee seen.

Al- Bukhari mentioned another long tradition(٦) that Abu Hurayra said he had kept to the Prophet (S.) just for feed.

And another narrated by Ibnul-Musayyab and Abu Slama that Abu Hurayra said(٧): "I kept to the Prophet just for feed."

In another tradition, he talked about himself(٨): I was one of the suffa inhabitants. Once I remained fasting. I suffered a stomachache. I went to relieve myself and when I came back I found that the food was eaten. The rich people of Quraysh used to send food to the suffa inhabitants. I said: to whom should I

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١ - Refer to chap. (The last days of the Prophet's life) on mentioning the Prophet's companions.

٢- Abu Hurayra's biography) pg.٣٧۶, Vol. ١).

٣- Sahih, first page of vol. ٢.

۴- Vol.١ chapter of "Prayer", section on "Sleep of men in mosques", pg.۶٠.

۵- These seventy of suffa were martyred in the day of (Ma'ouna well) before Abu Hurayra came to be a Muslim. It was like his tradition when he said: (I entered the house of Ruqayya and she had a comb in her hand...) whereas she was dead before his coming to

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Sahih, vol.۱ chapter of "Knowledge", section on "Memorizing knowledge", pg.۲۴. It was -۶ .'also mentioned by others like Abu Na'eem in his book Hilyatul-Awliya

.Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۲, pg.۱ -۷

.Abu Na'eem's Hilyatul-Awliya', vol.۱, pg.۳۷۸ -۸

go? I was told to go to Omar bin al-Khattab. I went to him. I found him busy praising Allah (S.w.T.) after the prayer. I waited until he finished. I said to him: Recite me some of .Qur'an, I do not want save food

He recited some verses of sura (Aal Imran). He went in and left me at the door. He was late. I thought he might change his cloths and then bring me some food. There was nothing of that. I left to meet Prophet Muhammad (S.). I went with him until we reached his house. He called a black maid(١) of his and said to her: "Bring us that bowl." She brought us a bowl with a little of eaten food remained at its sides. I thought it was barley. I ".ate until I became satiate

He often described himself by saying(٢): "I swear by Allah (S.w.T.), who there is no God but Him that I slept on the ground and put a rock on my abdomen because of hunger. Once I sat in their way, by which they (Prophet's (S.) companions) got out from the mosque. Abu Bakr passed by me. I asked him about a Qur'anic verse just to give me some food. He went away without giving me anything. Then Omar passed by me and I asked him the same. He went away without giving me any food. Then the Prophet Muhammad (S.) passed by me. He smiled when he saw me and knew what

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١- .We never knew or heard that there was a black maid in the Prophet's house

٢- Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۴ chapter of "Kind words", section on "How the Prophet(s.a.w.) and his companions lived", pg. ٨١ and Abu Na'eem in his book Hilyatul-Awliya' (Abu .(Hurayra's biography

.(was in my mind. He said: “Abu Hirr(۱

I said: “Here I am.” He said: “Follow me.” He went and I followed him. He went in his house and allowed me to go in. We found a cup of milk. He asked: “Where is this milk from? They (household) said: “It is a gift from someone.” He said: “Abu Hirr, go and invite the inhabitants of suffa to come”. They were the guests of Islam. They did not have relatives to live with. When the Prophet (S.) got some charities, he sent all charities for them and when he got a gift he shared it with them. I became disturbed. I thought that I was worthier than those of suffa to have a drink from this milk. I thought that if they came the Prophet (S.) would order me to give them from the milk. So what could I get from this .milk? I had to obey the Prophet. I went and invited them

They came and asked permission. They were allowed to go in and take their seats. The Prophet (S.) said: “Abu Hirr, take the cup of milk and give them to drink.” I took the cup of milk and began to give one after the other and they all became satiate until I came to the Prophet. He took the cup, smiled and said: “Abu Hirr, no one remained except me and .you.” I said: “That’s right.” He said: “Sit and drink.” I sat and drank

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۱- Abu Hurayra: Hirr is cat, Hurayra is kitten .

He asked me to drink, too. I drank. He kept asking me to drink until I said: "I swear by Allah (S.w.T.), who has sent you with the rightness, that I can't drink more." He said: "Show me it." I gave him the cup. He praised Allah (S.w.T.) and said, in the name of Allah (S.w.T.), (and drank the leftover."(١

Also it was mentioned in al-Bukhari's sahih(٢) that Abu Hurayra said: "I often fainted between the minbar of the Prophet (S.) and the room of Aa'isha. The comers put their feet ".on my neck thinking I was mad. But I was not mad. It was just because of hunger

Thujjanahayn (two-winged) Ja'far bin Abu Talib was very charitable, sympathetic and almsgiver to the poor. He often fed Abu Hurayra when hungry. So Abu Hurayra supported him and considered him the best of people after the Prophet (S.), as it was mentioned in .(al-Issaba (Ja'far's biography

Al- Bukari mentioned(٣) that Abu Hurayra said: "People say that Abu Hurayra narrated much many traditions. I kept to the Prophet (S.) just to satisfy my hunger. I neither ate good food nor wore new cloths. I was not served by anyone. I stuck my abdomen to the ground because of hunger. I asked some people to recite me a Qur'anic verse, which I already knew, that they might invite me for some food. The best one for the poor was Ja'far bin Abu Talib. He took us with him to give us whatever food was there in

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١- This tradition is mentioned in Al-Bukhari's Sahih in many places of the book, which he considered to be one of the miracles of the prophecy-if it was true-.We don't know why it was not narrated by any other than Abu Hurayra, at least by one of those who participated Abu Hurayra in drinking the milk. Was there any necessity for that challenge and inimitability? Was it necessary to break the natural rules? Miracles didn't happen unless there was a necessity for them, though we believe in inimitability of Allah (S.w.T.) and His apostles. It is apparent that this tradition was invented by Abu Hurayra to fawn on ordinary people especially after the death of the great companions and those whom Abu .Hurayra was feared

٢- Vol.۴, chapter of "Seeking Quran and Sunna", section on "What the Prophet (S.) has .mentioned and encouraged ....", pg.١٧۵

Sahih, vol.٢ section on “Virtues of Jafar”, pg.١٩٧. It was also mentioned by Abu Na’eem -٣ .in his book Hilyatul-Awliya’, vol.١, pg.١١٧

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Al- Baghawi mentioned a tradition narrated by al-Maqbari(٢) that Abu Hurayra had said: "Ja'far bin Abu Talib liked the poor and sat with them. He served them and they served him. He talked to them and they talked to him. Therefore the Prophet Muhammad (S.) (called him father of the poor."(٣

At-Tarmithi and an-Nassa'ei mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: "No one, who put on shoes, rode sumpters and trod on the ground, was better than Ja'far bin Abu Talib after (the Prophet Muhammad (S.)."(٤

Suffa was Abu Hurayra's home, day and night. He did not leave it to any other place until the Prophet (S.) left this worldly evanescent life and joined the Beneficent Companion. Before that Abu Hurayra did not achieve anything that made him be able to fill his stomach save to sit in the way of the passersby complaining his hunger. No great matter attracted his attention. He was mentioned neither in war nor in peace. Yes! It was (mentioned that he fled from the army in the battle of Mu'ta.(٥

He pretended that he was one of the delegation sent to Mecca by the Prophet (S.) with Imam ´Ali (a.s.) carrying the sura of Bara'a, and that he was announcing in the day of great hajj until his voice became hoarse. He had two contradictory traditions about that. .(.You will see them in their certain chapter of this book, inshAllah (S.w.T

He pretended that the Prophet (S.) made him almoner to keep zakat of Ramadan in a

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١ - Ibn Abd Rabbuh al-Andalussi mentioned in his book al-Aqd al-Fareed, vol.١ that Abu Hurayra said: "One day I followed Ja'far bin Abu Talib and I was hungry. When he reached his house, he turned and saw me. He asked me to come in. I came in. He thought for a while but he didn't find anything to eat except a sack having some butter. He brought it from on a shelf and opened it between us. We began to lick what it had while he was citing some poetry: Allah (S.w.T.) has not asked one more than his ability and a hand .doesn't give generously except what it has

٢ - .(Refer to al-Issaba by ibn Hajar (Ja'far's biography

It was also mentioned by Abu Na'eem in his book Hilyatul-Awliya', vol.۱, pg.۱۱۷, - ۳ .narrated by al-Maqbari from Abu Hurayra

.It was also mentioned by Ibn Abdul-Birr in his book al-Isstee'ab -۴

Refer to al-Mustadrak, vol.۳, pg.۴۲, you will find that Abu Hurayra was blamed for that -۵ .and he didn't know what to say

(long tradition.(١

The Age of The First Two Caliphs

We surveyed the age of the two caliphs, Abu Bakr and Omar bin al Khattab, and investigated what had happened at their days but we didn't find any thing worth mentioning about Abu Hurayra except that Omar had sent him to be the wali of Bahrain in the year twenty-one of hijra.(٢) In the year twenty-three the caliph Omar deposed him .(and appointed Othman bin Abul-Aass ath-Thaqafi(٣

The caliph not only deposed him but also he saved from him ten thousand dinars for the treasury, alleging that he had stolen them, which they were of the Muslims. It was a famous case. Ibn Abd Rabbih al-Maliki mentioned (in his book al-Aqd al-Fareed, in the first pages of vol. ١) that the caliph Omar called for Abu Hurayra and said to him: "You know well that I had appointed you as wali of Bahrain and you were barefooted and now came to my ears that you have bought horses for one thousand and six hundred dinars. ."Abu Hurayra said: "We had some horses that bore and gifts that cumulated

The caliph said: "I counted your livelihood and income and I found that it is over than yours and you have to return it". Abu Hurayra said: "You can't do that". Omar said: "Yes, I can and I will beat you on the back." Then Omar got up and beat him with his stick(۴) until he wounded him and said to him: "Pay the money back." Abu Hurayra said: "Exempt

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Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.٢ chapter of Wikala, section on if a man gives money to another -١ .and asks him to act on his behalf, pg.٢٩

When the wali, al-Ala' bin al-Hadhrami, who was appointed by the Prophet (S.), Abu -٢ .Bakr and Omar, died

It was mentioned in Ibnul-Atheer's History and by others when talking about the -٣ .(incidents of this year (٢٣AH

.A dry bunch of dates he used to hold in his hand -۴

me for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.)." Omar said: "That would be if it was halal and that you paid it back obediently. Have you come from the farthest lap of Bahrain with people's taxes to be in your pocket, neither for Allah (S.w.T.) nor for the Muslims? Omayma begot (you just to graze donkeys."(۱)

Ibn Abd Rabbih mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: "When Omar deposed me in Bahrain, he said to me: "O enemy of Allah (S.w.T.) and enemy of His Qur'an, did you steal the wealth of the Muslims?" Abu Hurayra said: "I am not an enemy of Allah (S.w.T.) or His book, but I am an enemy of your enemies. I did not steal the wealth of the Muslims. Omar said: "Then how did you get ten thousand dinars?" He said: "We had some horses that bore, gifts that cumulated and shares that multiplied." Omar took the money from me but ".when I offered the Fajr (dawn) prayer, I asked Allah (S.w.T.) to forgive him

This tradition was also mentioned by Ibn Abul-Hadeed in his book Sharh Nahjul-Balagha, vol. ۳(۲), and was mentioned by Ibn Sa'd in his book at-Tabaqat al-Kubra (Abu Huraya's biography)(۳)narrated by Muhammad bin Seereen that Abu Hurayra had said: "Omar said to me: "O enemy of Allah (S.w.T.) and enemy of his Qur'an, did you steal the wealth of the Muslims...etc." Ibn Hijr mentioned this tradition in his book al-Issaba but he modified it and changed the truth in a way dissented

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۱- A proverb. Omayma was his mother's name. This speech of the caliph was the worst of abuse.

۲- Pg.۱۰۴,Egypt Print.

۳- Vol.۴, pg.۹۰.

from all the others in order to purify the fame of Abu Hurayra. But he forgot that he defamed the man, who beat Abu Hurayra on the back and took his money and deposed .him

At The Age Of Othman

Abu Hurayra became very sincere for the family of Abul-Aass and all the Umayyads when Othman became the caliph. He adjoined Marwan bin al-Hakam and flattered the family of Abu Ma'eet, therefore he became an important person especially after the blockade of Othman's house during the revolution against him because that Abu Hurayra was with .him in the house. Hence he obtained bloom after fading and fame after obscurity

He got an opportunity during that sedition to slip into Othman's house and did the family of Abul-Aass and the other Umayyads a favor that had a great impression upon them and their assistants and it strengthened their state later on. So they wiped the dust of obscurity from him and praised him to be well-known. Although they knew that he did not slip into the house of the caliph to be among the blockaded ones until the caliph ordered .his companions to be quiet and to stop fighting

The caliph did that just to spare his and his companions' blood. Abu Hurayra knew well that the rebellious people did not want but Othman and Marwan. That encouraged him to .be among the blockaded ones

Anyhow the man seized the opportunity, his deal gained m uch, and his goods (traditions) sold well. Henceforth the Umayyads and their supporters listened

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to his traditions carefully and tried their best to spread them. At the same time, he told of traditions according to their wishes.

For example, he narrated that the prophet Muhammad (S.) had said: "Every prophet had a bosom friend and mine is Othman."(1)

He also said(2): "I heard the Prophet (S.) saying: "Othman is modest so the angels become modest in front of him."

He also said that Prophet Muhammad (S.) had said: "Every prophet has a mate in Paradise. My mate in Paradise is Othman."(3)

Abu Hurayra also narrated that the Prophet (S.) had said: "Gabriel came and said to me: Allah (S.w.T.) orders you to marry Othman with Um Kulthoom (the Prophet's (S.) step-daughter) with a dowry same as to that of Ruqayya (the Prophet's (S.) other step-daughter)."(4)

Abu Hurayra said: "Once I entered the house of Ruqayya, the daughter of the Prophet (S.) and wife of Othman. She had a comb in her hand. She said: "The Prophet (S.) was here and just left a moment ago. I combed his hair. He said to me: "How do you think of Abu Abdullah (Othman)?" I said: "He is good." He said: "Grace him, because he is the most similar to me in morals among my companions."

He might change the tradition as he did with the Prophet's (S.) saying: "There will be a sedition and disagreement after me." They said: "What do you order us to do then?" He (S.) said, pointing to Imam Ali (a.s.): "Keep to the Amir and his

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۱- All the intelligent people agreed that this tradition was untrue, but Abu Hurayra's friends acquitted him from the falseness by blaming Iss-haq bin Najee' al-Balti, who was one of the series of the narrators of this tradition. Ath-Thahabi mentioned the tradition in his book Mizan al-I'tidal confirming that it was untrue.

۲- Ibn Katheer in his book al-Bidaya wan-Nihaya, vol.۷, pg.۲۰۳.

۳- This tradition was false unanimously. But Abu Hurayra's friends turned the blame to Othman bin Khalid bin Omar bin Abdullah bin al-Waleed bin Othman bin Affan who was

one of the series of the narrators of this tradition. Ath-Thahabi denied this tradition in his book Mizan al-I'tidal.

۴- Ibn Munda mentioned this tradition and said that it was odd and it was narrated by Othman bin Khalid al-Othmani only. Ibn Hajar al-Assqalani in his book al-Issaba, vol.۴ (Um Kulthoom's biography) said that it was odd and was not narrated except by Othman bin Khalid al-Othmani.

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But Abu Hurayra preferred to flatter the family of Abul-Aass, Abu Ma'eet and Abu Sufyan, therefore he turned this tradition to Othman(۱) and in return for that they rewarded him .for his favor

(.At The Age of Imam Ali (a.s

Abu Hurayra's voice died down during the reign of Imam Ali (a.s.). He was wrapped in obscurity again and was about to return to his first condition. He turned away from Imam Ali (a.s.) and did not try to assist him. In fact his destination was the laps of Imam Ali .(a.s.)'s enemies

Once Mu'awiya sent Abu Hurayra and an-Nu'man bin Basheer-they were in Damascus-to Imam Ali (a.s.) asking him to send the killers of Othman to Mu'awiya in order to punish them for killing Othman. Mu'awiya wanted by doing so that when they come back to Damascus, they would excuse him and blame Imam Ali (a.s.), although he knew that Imam Ali (a.s.) would not send the killers of Othman to him. So he wanted to make Abu Hurayra and an-Nu'man as evidence in front of people of Damascus to show them that .(.Mu'awiya had an excuse to fight Imam ´Ali (a.s

Mu'awiya said to Abu Hurayra and an-Nu'man: "Go to Ali and ask him to send us the killers of Othman for he has sheltered them. If he did, there would be no war between him and us. If he refused, you would be witnesses against him. Then you come in front of people and tell them of that". They went to Imam Ali (a.s.). Abu Hurayra

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For this reason, al-Hakim in his book al-Mustadrak, vol.۳, pg.۹۹ mentioned this tradition -۱ under the subject of (Othman's virtues). But the truth was that it must be mentioned in Ali's virtues, like the Prophet's (S.) saying: (There will be a separation and disagreement among people, so this and his companions will be on the side of rightness. He pointed to Ali). It was mentioned by at-Tabarani in his book Kanzul-Ommal, narrated by Ka'b bin Ajra, tradition no. ۲۶۳۵, vol.۶. And the Prophet's (S.) saying: (There will be a sedition after me (after my death), so keep to Ali bin Abu Talib (a.s.), because he was the first who

believed in me (in Islam) and he will be the first to shake hands with me in the Day of Resurrection. He is the great veracious and he is the distinguisher of this nation). It was mentioned by Abu Ahmed, Ibn Munda and others, narrated by Abu Layla al-Ghifari. It was also mentioned by Ibn Abdul-Birr in his Isstee'ab, ibn Hajar in his Issaba and by others in (Abu Layla's biography). And the prophet's saying to Ammar bin Yassir: (O Ammar, if you see Ali going through a valley and the rest of people going through another valley, follow Ali and leave people because he neither leads you to a bad fate nor takes you away from right guidance). It was mentioned by ad-Daylamy in his book Kanzul-Ommal, vol.۶, pg.۱۵۵, tradition no.۲۵۹, narrated by Ammar and Abu Ayyoub. And also the prophet's saying: (O Abu Rafi', there will be after my death a group of people fighting Ali. The duty will be to fight them). It was mentioned by at-Tabarani in Kanzul-Ommal, vol.۶, tradition no.۲۵۸۹, narrated by Muhammad bin Obaydillah bin Abu Rafi', from his father, from his grandfather. There are many traditions like that but we cannot mention them all here. It is enough for us the prophet's saying: (There is someone of you will fight for the interpretation of Qur'an as I fought for its revelation. People looked up to that, among them were Abu Bakr and Omar. Abu Bakr said: is it me? The Prophet said: No. Omar said: Is it me? The Prophet said: No. But he is the mender of the shoes). It was mentioned by al-Hakim in his Mustadrak, vol.۳, pg.۱۲۲ saying that it was a true tradition according to al-Bukhari and Muslim. It was also mentioned by at-Thahabi in his Talkheess and by Ahmed in his Musnad, vol.۳, pgs.۳۳ ۸۲, narrated by Abu Sa'eed and by Abu Na'eem in his book Hilyatul-Awliya', vol.۱, pg.۶۷ in (Ali's biography), and abu Ya'la in his Sunan, and Sa'eed bin Mansour in his Kanz vol.۶, pg.۱۵۵, tradition no.۲۵۸۵. The traditions talking about the necessity of fighting the perfidious people (battle of the Camel) and the outlaws (battle of Siffeen) and the apostates (the Kharijites) were certified and each confirming the other. The prophetic traditions talking about the sedition after his death were recurrent and they were of the signs of the prophecy of Muhammad(S.). They were clear in urging to follow Imam Ali (a.s.). The tradition mentioned by al-Hakim and narrated by Abu Hurayra was one of them. What confirmed that was that the Prophet (S.) hadn't called anyone with Amir except Ali at all. And here is the Prophet's saying to Anass: (The first who enters from this door is amirul-mu'mineen (commander of the believers) and the master of guardians...). It was mentioned by al-Isfahani in his book Hilyatul-Awliya', vol.۱, (Ali's biography). The Prophet (S.) ordered his companions to call Ali with amirul-mu'mineen when saluting him. This was certified by many traditions narrated by the Prophet's

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said to him: "O Abu Hasan(١), Allah (S.w.T.) has given you a virtue and honor in Islam, for you are Prophet Muhammad's cousin. Your cousin (Mu'awiya) has sent us to you asking you for something to calm down this war and to end the enmity between you that is to send him the killers of his cousin Othman to kill them and may Allah (S.w.T.) reconcile you. ."Hence the nation will be safe from sedition and disagreement

Then an-Nu'man said something like that. Imam Ali (a.s.) said to them: "Let not talk about that. O Nu'man, tell me about you. Are you the best of your people (Ansar)(٢) in guidance?" He said: "No." Imam Ali (a.s.) said: "All of your people have followed me except three or four deviants of them. Are you one of the deviants?" An-Nu'man said: "Verily I came to be with you and to keep to you, but Mu'awiya asked me to tell you that. I hoped that it would be a cause for me to meet you and I hoped that Allah (S.w.T.) may reconcile you. If you ."see other than that, I will be with you and won't leave you

Historians said that Imam Ali (a.s.) did not talk with Abu Hurayra a word. He left to Damascus and told Mu'awiya about what happened. Mu'awiya ordered him to tell people .about that. He did and did many things else that satisfied Mu'awiya

An-Nu'man lived with Imam Ali (a.s.) and then fled to Damascus and told its

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١- .One of Imam Ali (a.s.)'s surnames

٢- (helpers). The people of Medina who believed and assisted the prophet and his .companions when they migrated from Mecca to Medina

(people about what happened...to the end of this incident.(۱

When it became serious and the war began, the terror entered Abu Hurayra's heart to make his legs tremble. At the beginning of that sedition he didn't doubt that Ali would win the war, so he cowered to the ground and disencouraged others in order not to help Imam Ali (a.s.) by telling untrue prophetic traditions secretly. One of his traditions then was that he said: "I heard the Prophet (S.) saying: "There will be a sedition; the sitting is better than the standing and the standing is better than the walking and the walking is (better than the running. Any one finds a shelter, let him resort to it".(۲

Abu Hurayra still as he was until the Kharijites rebelled against Imam Ali (a.s.) and Mu'awiya became stronger. He occupied Egypt and killed its wali Muhammad bin Abi Bakr, who was appointed by Imam ´Ali (a.s.). He began to ravage and make raids against the state of Imam Ali (a.s.). He sent secretly Bissr bin Arta'a with an army of three thousand soldiers to Hijaz and Yemen ravaging and spoiling there. They killed, burnt and tore people savagely. They profaned the laws of Allah (S.w.T.). They disgraced the honor .of women and captured boys and girls of the Muslims there to blacken the face of history

After all those atrocities, Bissr extorted homage to Mu'awiya from all people of Hijaz and Yemen.(۳) Then Abu Hurayra spread what was hidden in his heart to

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This incident was mentioned by Ibrahim bin Hilal ath-Thaqafi in his book al-Gharat and -۱ by Ibn Abul-Hadeed in his book Sharh Nahj al-Balagha, vol.۱, pg.۲۱۳. Let him who want to know the details refer to it, to see Mu'awiya's intentions and an-Nu'man's malfunction in this incident. Imam Ali (a.s.) turned away from Abu Hurayra and didn't talk to him because he saw that Abu Hurayra was very mean that he flattered Mu'awiya and sold his faith to Mu'awiya for a short worldly life. Imam Ali (a.s.) knew what Mu'awiya's aim was by sending these two men, so he didn't answer them, neither positively nor negatively. In fact he turned away from their demand and talked with an-Nu'man about something .else. It showed his compact policy

It was mentioned by Ahmed bin Hanbal in his Musnad, vol.۲, pg.۲۸۲. It was untrue, -۲ because Allah (S.w.T.) says: (And if two parties of the believers quarrel, make peace

between them; but if one of them acts wrongfully towards the other, fight that which acts .wrongfully until it returns to Allah (S.w.T.)'s command..) ۴۹:۹

Refer to Sharh an-Nahj al-Hameedi, vol.۱, pg.۱۱۶-۱۲۱ for details. All the historians, who -۳ wrote about the incidents of the year forty of hijra, mentioned this event committed by .Mu'awiya. It is famous like battles of Harra and at-Taff of his son Yazeed

Bissr bin Arta'a. Bissr found that he was sincere to Mu'awiya and loyal in taking homage to Mu'awiya from people. Bissr appointed Abu Hurayra as wali of Medina when he left after ordering people to obey him. He led people in prayers and thought he was the real wali until Jariya bin Qudama as-Sa'di came to Medina with two thousand knights sent by Imam Ali (a.s.). Abu Hurayra was leading people in offering prayer. He fled. Jariya said:(١) ".If I found Abu Sannour(٢), I would kill him"

While Jariya was in Hijaz, he knew that Imam Ali (a.s.) was martyred. He took homage to Imam Hasan bin Ali bin Abu Talib (a.s.) and went back to Kufa. Abu Hurayra came back to Medina leading prayers(٣) and became stronger until Mu'awiya dominated.

At The Age of Mu'awiya

Abu Hurayra lived the best days of his life during the reign of Mu'awiya. Mu'awiya realized many of this man's hopes, so he told traditions as Mu'awiya liked. He told people incredible traditions about the virtues of Mu'awiya and some others.

Fabricated traditions exceeded the limits in the state of Mu'awiya according to what his media wanted and his policies needed to spite the Hashimites. The state of Mu'awiya had many liars fabricating prophetic traditions as the Prophet (S.) had warned of. They were advanced in inventing traditions according to what they were inspired with by the rulers. The first of them was Abu Hurayra. He told people of abominable traditions talking about the virtues of Mu'awiya. One of those traditions was

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١- Mentioned by Ibrahim bin Hilal ath-Thaqafi in his book al-Gharat and Ibn Abul-Hadeed in his book Sharh Nahjul-Balagha , vol.١, pg.١٢٨.

٢- In Arabic (sannour) means cat. Jariya meant Abu Hurayra.

٣- Mentioned by Ibnul-Atheer in his book at-Tareekh al-Kamil, vol.٣, pg.١٥٣.

mentioned by Ibn Assakir in two ways, Ibn Adiy in two ways, Muhammad bin Aa'ith in a fifth way, Muhammad bin Abd as-Samarqandi in a sixth way, Muhammad bin Mubarak as-Souri in a seventh way and al-Khateeb al-Baghdadi in an eighth way that Abu Hurayra had said: "I heard the Prophet (S.) saying: "Allah (S.w.T.) has entrusted three with His inspiration; me, Gabriel and Mu'awiya!"

And another mentioned by al-Khateeb al-Baghdadi that Abu Hurayra said: "The Prophet (S.) gave Mu'awiya an arrow and said to him: "Take this arrow until you meet me in Paradise!"

Another mentioned by Abul-Abbas al-Waleed bin Ahmad az-Zouzani in his book Shajaratul-Aql, in two ways that Abu Hurayra had said: "I heard the Prophet (S.) saying: "There will be a dome of white pearl with four doors for Abu Bakr. The wind of mercy flows through it. Its outside is Allah (S.w.T.)'s pardon and its inside is Allah (S.w.T.)'s contentment. Whenever he longs for Allah (S.w.T.), a shutter opens to look at Allah (S.w.T.) through it."

Another mentioned by Ibn Habban that Abu Hurayra had said: "When the Prophet (S.) came out from the cave towards Medina, Abu Bakr held his stirrup. He said: O Abu Bakr, may I tell you good news? In the Day of Resurrection, Allah (S.w.T.) appears to the creatures in general and appears to you privately!"

And what was mentioned by Ibn Habban that Abu Hurayra said: "While Gabriel was with the Prophet (S.), Abu Bakr passed by them. Gabriel said: It is Abu

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Bakr. The Prophet (S.) said: O Gabriel, do you know him? Gabriel said: He is in the heaven more famous than him on the earth. The angels call him the discerner of Quraysh. He is your minister in your life and the caliph after your death."

Another tradition mentioned by al-Khateeb al-Baghdadi that Abu Hurayra said: "Prophet Muhammad (S.) said: The angels rejoiced at the birth of Abu Bakr. Allah (S.w.T.) looked at the Garden of Eden and said: I swear by My glory and loftiness that I will not enter anyone into it except who loved this newborn baby."

And another one mentioned by Ibn Adiy that Abu Hurayra said: "I heard the Prophet saying: When I ascended the heaven, in each sky I passed by I found that it was written; Muhammad is the Apostle of Allah (S.w.T.), Abu Bakr is..."(۱)

Abul-Faraj ibn aj-Jawzi mentioned a tradition that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) told me that Paradise and Hell once prided. The Hell said to the Paradise: I am better than you for I have the Pharaohs, the tyrants, the kings and their progenies. Allah (S.w.T.) inspired to Paradise to say: I am better than you because Allah (S.w.T.) had adorned me for Abu Bakr."

And another mentioned by al-Khateeb that Abu Hurayra had said: "One day the Prophet got out leaning on Ali bin Abu Talib. They met Abu Bakr and Omar. The Prophet said to Ali: Do you love these two men? Ali(a.s.) said: yes, I do. The

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۱- Also mentioned by al-Khateeb in his book History of Baghdad, vol.۵, pg.۴۴۵.

"!Prophet (S.) said to Ali (a.s.): Love them in order to enter Paradise

Another one mentioned by al-Khateeb in his book History of Baghdad and by Ibn Shahin in his Sunan in two ways that Abu Hurayra said: "I heard the Prophet (S.) saying: "There are in the lower heaven eighty thousand angels asking Allah (S.w.T.) to forgive whoever loves Abu Bakr and Omar and in the second heaven there are eighty thousand angels ".cursing whoever hates Abu Bakr and Omar

Another one mentioned by al-Khateeb that Abu Hurayra said: "I heard the Prophet (S.) saying: Allah (S.w.T.) has seventy thousand angels in the heaven cursing whoever curses ".Abu Bakr and Omar

All these traditions are untrue. All of those who mentioned them declared unanimously .that they were null

As-Sayouti arranged all the fabricated traditions according to their series of narrators and texts in his book al-La'ali al-Massnou'a. But they always defended Abu Hurayra by blaming the others who narrated from Abu Hurayra according to their point of view that !every Muslim saw the Prophet (S.) or narrated from him was infallible

They did the same with all what Abu Hurayra's imagination had invented, like his saying: "I heard the Prophet (S.) saying: This is Gabriel telling me, from Allah (S.w.T.), that whoever loves Abu Bakr and Omar is a pious believer and whoever hates them is a rogue (hypocrite."(۱)

Abu Hurayra said: "The Prophet (S.) said: Allah (S.w.T.) had created me of His light and created Abu Bakr of my light and created Omar

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۱- This tradition was considered to be untrue unanimously. Ath-Thahabi mentioned this tradition in his book Mizan al- I'tidal (in Ibrahim bin Malik al-Ansari's biography) and said .that it was untrue. Every one used nullity to fight the rightness, he, no doubt, would lose

of the light of Abu Bakr and created my nation of Omar's light. Omar is the lamp of people (in Paradise."(۱)

He also said: "I heard the prophet saying: Abu Bakr and Omar are the best of the first and (the last Muslims."(۲)

And his saying: "The prophet said: My companions are like the stars. Whoever imitates (some of them will be guided."(۳)

And his saying: "The Prophet (S.) said: There was a chapter in the Bible describing me and my companions; Abu Bakr, Omar, Othman and Ali... as seed…produce that puts forth its (sprout..."(۴)

And many others that he let his imagination go here and there to invent. Al-Bukhari and .Muslim's(۵) books of Hadith had many many of the likes

The Umayyad's Favors

You will recognise easily the Umayyads' gifts for this man if you think of his two conditions; one before their state where he was mean and subservient, looking at the lice creeping on his garment(۶) and his condition during their reign where they pulled him out of the mud of misery and clothed him with silk.(۷) They made him button his cloths with silk and they clothed him with slender flax(۸). They built him a palace in al-Aqeeq(۹). They surrounded him with their charity and covered him with their gifts. They spread his mention and announced his name. They made him wali on Medina, the town of the Prophet (S.)(۱۰) and married him, during his rule, to Bissra bint Ghazwan bin Jabir bin (Wahab al-Maziniya, the sister of the Amir Otba bin Ghazwan(۱۱)

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۱- This tradition was also considered to be untrue unanimously. Ath-Thahabi mentioned it in his book Mizan al-I'tidal (biography of Ahmed as-Samarqandi). Refer to it to see that it was untrue and that it contradicted the holy Qur'an. And they lost, who wanted to hide the .clear rightness by the shameful nullity

۲- This is like the two previous in nullity. Ath-Thahabi mentioned it in Mizan al-I'tidal .(Jeiroun bin Waqid's biography) and said it was null

۳- Ath-Thahabi mentioned this tradition in his Mizan (biography of the judge, Ja'far bin abdul-Wahid) and said it was one of Abu Hurayra's afflictions.

۴- It was mentioned in ath-Thahabi's Mizan (biography of Muhammad bin Musa bin Atta' ad-Dimyatti) but they always blamed the others who narrated from Abu Hurayra! The tradition included a Qur'anic verse, ۴۸:۲۹.

۵- Muslim, here, is a name of someone who collected the Hadith in a book called Sahih.

۶- This was taken from Abu Hurayra's saying: I took a garment off my back and spread it between the Prophet and me while I was looking at the lice creeping on it…It was mentioned by Abu Na'eem in his Hilyatul-Awliya', vol.۱, pg.۳۸۱.

۷- Ibn Sa'd mentioned in his Tabaqat (Abu Hurayra's biography) from Wahab bin Kaysan, Qatada and al-Mugheera that Abu Hurayra put on silk cloths.

۸- Al-Bukhari in his Sahih, vol.۴ chapter of "Seeking Quran and Sunna", section on "What the Prophet (S.) has mentioned and encouraged ….", pg.۱۷۵, mentioned that Muhammad bin Sireen said: We were at Abu Hurayra's and he was wearing two slender flax dresses.

۹- He died in this palace as mentioned by Ibn Hajar in his Issaba, Ibn Qutayba's Ma'arif and Ibn Sa'd's Tabaqat.

۱۰- Mentioned by imam Ahmed in his Musnad, vol.۲, pg.۴۳۰, narrated by Muhammad bin Ziyad, Ibn Qutayba in his Ma'arif, narrated by Abu Rafi' and imam Abu Ja'far al-Iskafi in his book Sharh an-Nahj al-Hameedi, vol.۱, pg.۳۵۹, edition of Egypt.

۱۱- He was an ally of the tribe of Abd Shams. The caliph Omar (may Allah (S.w.T.) be pleased with him) made him leader during the Islamic conquests. He established the town of Basra and became its Amir. He conquered many countries and was one of the famous Prophet's companions and one of the heroes. He died during the reign of Omar. But Abu Hurayra got married to his sister after a long time of his death. Ibn Hajar al-Asqalani in his book al-Issaba mentioned Bissra and Abu Hurayra's story with her. He said that she had employed him at the time of the Prophet (S.), then he got married to her when Marwan entrusted him with the emirate of Medina during the reign of Mu'awiya.

and he wouldn't dream of that or his imagination would ever think of that, because he strove to serve her barefooted just for feed.

Mudharib bin Jiz' said:(1) "I was walking at night and there was a man exclaiming (Allah (S.w.T.)uAkbar-Allah (S.w.T.) is the greatest). I followed him. I found that he was Abu Hurayra. I said: "What is this?" He said: "I am thanking Allah (S.w.T.). I was employed by Bissra bint Ghazwan just for my feed. I led their sumpters when they rode and served them when they got down and now I became her husband. Now I ride and when I get down, she serves me. Before that, when she reached a plain, she got down and said: "I won't leave unless you make me porridge." Now when I reach the same place I say to her: "I won't leave unless you make me porridge."(2)

He often said, during his emirate of Medina: "I grew up as an orphan. When I emigrated I was poor. I was employed by Bissra bint Ghazwan jus for feed. I led their sumpters when they rode and served them when they got down and now Allah (S.w.T.) has married me to her. Thanks to Allah (S.w.T.), Who made the religion as basis and made Abu Hurayra imam."(3)

Once he said: "I was employed by Bissra bint Ghazwan for my feed. She ordered me to ride erectly and to go barefooted. After that Allah (S.w.T.) made her my wife. I ordered her to

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1- Mentioned by Abul-Abbas as-Sarraj in his History and Ibn Hajar in his Issaba ((biography of Abu Hurayra)).

2- Mentioned by Ibn Khuzayma and Ibn Hajar in his book al-Issaba (Abu Hurayra's biography).

3- Ibn Sa'd's Tabaqat, second part of vol.۴, pg.۵۳.

(ride erectly and to go barefooted."(۱

One day he led people in prayer and when he finished he said loudly: "Praise be to Allah (S.w.T.), Who made religion as basis and made Abu Hurayra imam after he was an (employee for Bissra bint Ghazwan for his feed and a sumpter to ride."(۲

One day he ascended the minbar of the Prophet (S.) and said: "Praise be to Allah (S.w.T.), Who made me eat good food, wear silk cloths and marry me to Bissra bint Ghazwan after I was her employee for my feed. She made me carry her baggage and then I made her (carry my baggage."(۳

Thanking The Favors of The Umayyads

The Umayyads enslaved Abu Hurayra by their favours. They appropriated his hearing, sight and heart and made him tractable. So he was the media of their policies. He changed according to their tendencies. Sometimes he invented traditions to show their virtues and sometimes he fabricated traditions showing the virtues of the two caliphs; Abu Bakr and Omar according to the wish of Mu'awiya and his oppressive group. For they had political purposes against Imam Ali (a.s.) and the Prophet's progeny (S.), which would not be realised-as they thought-except by preferring the two caliphs. Hence he advanced .in fabricating traditions, which we mentioned some of

There were many traditions we didn't mention, for example, the tradition about making Abu Bakr Amir of hajj in the ninth year of hijra, the year when sura of Bara'a was revealed to the Prophet (S.), and the tradition saying that the

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.Refer to Ibn Sa'd's Tabaqat, second part of vol.۴, pg.۵۳ -۱
.Refer to Abu Na'eem's Hilyatul-Awliya', vol.۱, pg.۳۷۹ -۲
.Refer to Abu Na'eem, Hilyatul-Awliya', vol.۱, pg.۳۸۴ -۳

.angels talked with Omar

The Umayyad policy of subduing the Hashimites required certifying and spreading these two traditions as possible as Mu'awiya and his assistants could. They did by any means .they could until all Sunni books of Hadith (Sahih) mentioned them as true traditions

Abu Hurayra, sometimes, cut off the traditions concerning Imam ´Ali (a.s.) to distort their meaning, like his saying: "I heard the Prophet saying: The sun hadn't been withheld or returned for anyone except for Prophet Usha' bin Noon (Joshua) when he walked (towards Jerusalem at night."(۱

And his saying: "When the Qur'anic verse (And warn your nearest relations) ۲۶:۲۱۴, was revealed the prophet stood up and said: O people of Quraysh,..." Abu Hurayra cut off the tradition and didn't mention all the text to distort it according to what the Umayyad policy !(.required. We don't have but to say that there is no power save in Allah (S.w.T

".And his saying: "The Prophet said: My heirs are not to inherit what I have left

And: "Prophet Muhammad (S.) said to his uncle Abu Talib: Say there is no god but Allah (S.w.T.)...until Allah (S.w.T.) revealed to the Prophet (Surely you cannot guide whom you love..) ۲۸:۵۶" and many other fabricated traditions. They used to subdue Imam ´Ali (a.s.) .(.and the family of the Prophet (S

Imam Abu Ja'far al-Iskafi(۲) said: "Mu'awiya had forced some of the Prophet's (S.) companions and some of the companions' successors to narrate bad traditions about Ali to defame and disavow him. He gave them bribes for

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.Al-Khateeb in his book History of Baghdad, vol.۷,pg.۳۵,and vol.۹, pg.۹۹ -۱

.Sharh Nahj al-Balagha al-Hameedi, vol.۱, pg.۳۵۸ -۲

that. So they fabricated what satisfied him. Among them were Abu Hurayra, Amr bin al-Aass, and al-Mugheera bin Shu'ba. Among the successors was Urwa bin az-Zubayr.."

Abu Ja'far al-Iskafi also said(۱): "When Abu Hurayra came to Iraq with Mu'awiya in the year of (Jama'a), he came to the mosque of Kufa. When he saw that many people had come to receive him, he knelt on his knees and hit his head with his hand many times and said: "O people of Iraq, you say that I fabricate Allah (S.w.T.) and His apostle's sayings to be in Hell. I swear by Allah (S.w.T.) that I heard the Prophet saying: "Every apostle had a sanctum. My sanctum is Medina. Whoever spoils in Medina, will be cursed by Allah (S.w.T.), the angels and all the people." I swear by Allah (S.w.T.) that Ali has spoiled in it! When Mu'awiya heard him saying that, he endorsed him, rewarded him and made him wali of Medina."(۲)

Sometimes he invented traditions defending the Umayyad hypocrites, whom Allah (S.w.T.) and His apostle had cursed to protect the religion and umma from their hypocrisy and ravage. But Abu Hurayra flattered Marwan and Mu'awiya and their assistants by saying: "I heard the Prophet (S.) saying: "O Allah (S.w.T.), Muhammad is but a human being. He becomes angry like all the human beings. Every believer I have hurt, abused or whipped, You may make that as a cause to forgive him and to bring him closer to You in the Day

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۱- ibid,vol.۱,pg.۳۵۹.

۲- Sufyan ath-Thawri narrated from Abdur-Rahman bin Qassim from Omar bin Abdul-Ghaffar that when Abu Hurayra came to Kufa with Mu'awiya, he sat at the gate of Kinda in the night and people sat around him. One day a young man from Kufa-he might be al-Asbagh bin Nabata-came and said to him: "O Abu Hurayra, I ask you , by Allah (S.w.T.), if you had heard the Prophet saying to Ali bin Abu Talib: "O Allah (S.w.T.), support whoever supports him and be an enemy of whoever opposes him." Abu Hurayra said: "yes, I had." The young man said: "I swear by Allah (S.w.T.) that you have supported his enemies and opposed his assistants." Then he left.

".of Resurrection

Marwan and his sons tried their best to spread this tradition in many ways until the books of Hadith (Sahih, Sunan and Musnad) mentioned it as true tradition.

The role of Marwan and his sons in raising Abu Hurayra to a high level and preferring him to all the others in memorising, accuracy and piety, had had its effect until nowadays.

They had done many things to satisfy people that Abu Hurayra was trustee and pious.

One of them was that Marwan pretended that he had seated his clerk in a secret place that he wouldn't be seen by any one at all and called for Abu Hurayra to come in. He began to ask him about many things. He asked him too many questions. Abu Hurayra answered with the Prophet's (S.) traditions and the clerk, whose name was Zu'ayza'a, was writing down without letting any one feel of him. He wrote down too many traditions. Marwan waited for a year and then called for Abu Hurayra and asked him the same questions. He answered with the same answers, no word more no word less. Marwan and his clerk spread this lie among the people of Damascus to reach everywhere until al-Hakim mentioned it in his book al-Mustadrak, vol. ۳, pg. ۵۱۰.

And that when Marwan wanted to bring his knights and soldiers in order not to let the Hashimites bury Imam Hasan beside his grandfather, Prophet Muhammad's tomb, he preconcerted with Abu Hurayra that the latter would oppose Marwan and blame him

hardly in front of people to deceive them and to make them perceive that Abu Hurayra was a veracious man. He didn't fear anyone save Allah (S.w.T.) and His apostle and that no one could stand against him when he became angry for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.) and .His apostle

When Abu Hurayra did his opposition, Marwan showed his anger. There was a false argument and untrue rage between them. Abu Hurayra protested strongly against Marwan justifying that he (Abu Hurayra) had a special position to the Prophet(۱) which no one of the Prophet's (S.) companions or relatives had and that he had an ability of perceiving and memorising from the Prophet by which he surpassed the first Muslims like Omar, Othman, Ali, Talha, az-Zubayr and the others. He let himself go farther in describing his aspects, which imposed for him the highest ranks of the close companions. So the disagreement between them ended and Marwan submitted to the great position of Abu Hurayra in Islam and his high rank of knowledge in Sunna. All that happened in front of people. The plan succeeded and Marwan would use Abu Hurayra as a means to fight Imam Hasan, Imam Hussayn, their father and their sons. It was the most successful propaganda for their policies. (Woe, then, to those who write the book with their hands and then say: This is from Allah (S.w.T.), so that they may take for it a small price; therefore woe to them for what their hands

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In a tradition mentioned by Ibn Sa'd and Ibn Hajar in his Issaba. We shall comment on -۱ .this tradition in a next chapter of this book

.have written and woe to them for what they earn). ۲:۷۹

The Quantity of his Traditions

All those who collected the Hadith agreed unanimously that Abu Hurayra had narrated traditions more than any one else at all.(۱) They counted his traditions to find that they were five thousand and three hundred and seventy-four traditions. He had in al-Bukhari's Sahih only four hundred and forty-six traditions.(۲)

We found that all what was narrated by the four caliphs in comparison with Abu Hurayra's traditions was less than twenty-seven percent. Abu Bakr had narrated one hundred and forty-two traditions.(۳) Omar had narrated five hundred and thirty-seven traditions.(۴) All what Othman had narrated were one hundred and forty-six traditions.(۵) And five hundred and eighty-six traditions were narrated from Imam ´Ali (a.s.)(۶). So the total is one thousand and four hundred and eleven traditions, which if you compare to Abu Hurayra's traditions you will find the ratio exactly as we said.

Let any prudent one think of Abu Hurayra, the short period of his being a Muslim, his obscurity, his illiteracy and all what would make him be mean, then think of the four caliphs, their priority in Islam, their attendance during the legislation of the laws of Shari'ah, their braveries throughout fifty-two years; in twenty-three of them they were at the service of the Prophet (S.) and in twenty-nine of them, they governed the umma and mastered the other nations. They conquered the countries of Kasra and Caesar. They built towns and countries, spread Islam, and declared laws of

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۱- Refer to the last line of page۲۴۰, vol.۴.of Ibn Hajar's book al-Issaba which included the book al-Issti'ab in the margins.

۲- Refer to al-Qastalani's book Irshad as-Sari,vol.۱, pg.۲۱۲, the explanation of the first tradition of Abu Hurayra mentioned by al-Bukhari in his Sahih, you will find that Abu Hurayra had narrated from the Prophet (S.) ۵۳۷۴ traditions and that he had in al-Bukhari's Sahih ۴۴۶ traditions. Ibn Hazm in his book al-Milal wen-Nihal vol.۴, pg.۱۳۸, said that Abu Hurayra had narrated ۵۳۷۴ traditions.

۳- It was mentioned by as-Sayouti in his book Tareekh al-Khulafa' (the history of the

caliphs), an-Nawawi in his book at-Tahtheeb. Ibn Hazm in his book al-Milal wen-Nihal, vol.۴, pg.۱۳۷ and ath-Thahabi in his book Mizan al-I'tidal, who said that the true traditions .of Abu Bakr were less than twenty

As-Sayouti said in his book Tareekh al-Khulafa' that Omar's traditions were five - ۴ hundred and thirty-nine. Ibn Hazm mentioned in his book al-Milal wen-Nihal, vol.۴, pg.۱۳۸ .the same number and said that the true traditions of Omar were nearly fifty traditions

.'Jalaluddin as-Sayouti in his book tareekh al-Khulafa -۵

As-Sayouti, Tareekh al-Khulafa' (Ali's biography). Ibn Hazm in his book al-Milal wen- -۶ .Nihal, vol.۴,pg.۱۳۷

Shari'ah and Sunna. So how would it be possible for Abu Hurayra, alone, to narrate so ?many times as much as they had narrated of the Prophet's (S.) traditions

Also Abu Hurayra was not like Aa'isha, although she narrated too much. The Prophet (S.) had got married to her ten years before Abu Hurayra became a Muslim.(۱) She was in the house where Allah (S.w.T.)'s inspiration was revealed to the Prophet (S.) and the place of coming and going of Gabriel and Michael for fourteen years. She died a little before Abu (Hurayra's death.(۲

What a difference between the two companionships and the two ones' acumen was! As to the companionship it was known. But as to acumen, her acumen competed with her hearing and her heart preceded her ears. She was very acute. Nothing happened to her unless she recited poetry about it. Orwa said that he had not seen anyone having more knowledge in jurisprudence, medicine, or poetry than Aa'isha. Masrouq said that he had .seen some of great companions asking her about religious duties

She was forced to spread her traditions that she sent her callers to the countries and led that great army to Basra. And in spite of all that, her traditions were two thousand and two hundred and ten.(۳) So her traditions were less than a half of Abu Hurayra's .traditions

If you add Aa'isha's traditions to that of Um Salama (the Prophet's (S.) wife), who died after the death of Abu Hurayra in a long time, the

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۱- Ibn Abdil-Birr said in his book al-Isstee'ab that the Prophet (S.) had got married to Aa'isha in the tenth year after his prophecy –three years before hijra-so her marriage was before Abu Hurayra being a Muslim in ten years because he became Muslim in the .seventh year of hijra

۲- She died in fifty-seven of hijra before Abu Hurayra's death in a short time. Abu Hurayra offered the prayer for her-the prayer for the dead-by order of al-Waleed bin Otba bin Abu Sufyan, who was made wali of Medina by his uncle Mu'awiya. He wanted to honor .'Abu Hurayra by that. Aa'isha was buried in Baqee

۳- Ibn Hazm's book al-Milal wen-Nihal, vol.۴,pg.۱۳۸.

rest of the Prophet's (S.) wives, Imam Hasan, Imam Hussayn, Fatima (the daughter of the Prophet) and the four caliphs, you find that they altogether were less than Abu Hurayra's .traditions. This was a terrible thing! Let the prudent think of it

Besides that, Abu Hurayra pretended that the Prophet (S.) had informed him alone of some traditions that he would never reveal to any one. He kept them inside his conscience and buried them in his chest. And as you know that Abu Hurayra had a well-fortified chest and an inscrutable conscience! So he said: "I had kept from the Prophet two (vessels. I spread the first, but if I would spread the other, this throat would be cut."(۱

He said: "If I told you all what I knew, people would throw potteries at me and say: Abu ".Hurayra is mad

".He said: "If I told you all what I had in my chest, you would throw dung at me

He said: "They say that Abu Hurayra told too many traditions. I swear by Allah (S.w.T.) that if I told you all what I had heard, you would throw dunghill at me and you would never (debate with me."(۲

He said: "I had memorized from the Prophet (S.) some traditions that I didn't tell you of. If (I told you of them you would throw stones at me."(۳

He said: "I had memorized from the Prophet (S.) five bags of traditions. I told of two of ,them and if I told of the third

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۱- Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۱ chapter of "Knowledge", section on "Memorizing Knowledge", .pg.۲۴

۲- The three previous traditions were mentioned by Ibn Sa'd in his book Tabaqat, vol.۴, .pg.۵۷

۳- Al-Hakim in his Mustadrak, vol.۳, pg.۵۰۹, ath-Thahabi in his Talkheess. What a dignity Abu Hurayra had! He said:..you would throw at me stones, potteries, dunghill. And when he said about himself:... the comers put their feet on my neck.. and when he talked about .his stomach, lice and his other affairs

(you would throw me with stones."(١)

Abu Hurayra was neither the Prophet's (S.) heir apparent nor the caliph after him to prefer to the others and tell him secrets and knowledge that he would not tell anyone of .his close companions or relatives

What was the use of telling him those secrets since he was a weak man with meanness that prevented him to say something of those secrets unless he would be thrown with ?stones, dung and trashes or that his throat would be cut

Would it not be better for the Prophet to tell those secrets for the caliphs after him, who led people by one will and to whom the nations submitted and the necks of the Arabs and non-Arabs yielded? They were better than Abu Hurayara in doing that. If they had had those secrets, they would spread them throughout the countries like the rays of the sun. Far be it from the Prophet to do something in vain. Would he entrust Abu Hurayra with his secrets to be lost uselessly? And who was Abu Hurayra to be singled out of the first ?Muslims

And the foremost are the foremost. These are they who are drawn nigh (to Allah) .(S.w.T.))) ۵۰:۱۰-۱۱

Abu Hurayra often said: "Abu Hurayra neither keeps secret nor writes down."(٢) How did this saying agree with his saying: "I had memorized from the Prophet two vessels. I spread one of them. If I spread the other, this throat would be cut" and the other sayings having the

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.(Abu Na'eem, Hilyatul-Awliya', pg.۳۸۱ (biography of Abu Hurayra -١

.Ibn Sa'd's Tabaqat, vol.٢,pg.١١٩ -٢

?same meaning that he kept secret

Let us ask those, who research for the divine secrets that the Prophet (S.) entrusted Abu Hurayra with and that Abu Hurayra kept secret to preserve himself or to keep his dignity. Were those secrets of the kind of secrets that the Prophet (S.) entrusted his guardian Imam Ali (a.s.) with? Did they concern the caliphate and caliphs after him? Were they of another kind? If they were of the first kind, why would Abu Hurayra turn away from them and contradict them completely? His opinion would be like all the other Muslims' opinion for he was just one person among the others. But if those secrets were of another kind, !he would not refrain from telling offensive and disgraceful traditions

Did he not narrate that the Prophet slept and missed the Fajr prayer? And that the Satan ?came to him to disturb his prayers

Didn't he narrate that once the Prophet forgot and offered a two section prayer instead :of four and when they asked him

?Did you forget or restrict the prayer? He answered: I neither forgot nor restricted

Did he not tell that the Prophet hurt, abused, cursed and whipped innocent people just ?because he became angry

Did he not ascribe to the apostles many things that were impossible for them to commit according to the Shari'ah and reason? He narrated that Prophet Muhammad (S.) had said: "We are worthier than Abraham to be in doubt." He also narrated that Prophet Lot's trust in Allah (S.w.T.) was

.not certain

Did he not dare to defame Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus, who must be ?honored

Did he not ascribe to Moses that he had slipped the angel of death and gouged his eye? And that once Prophet Moses ran nakedly in front of the Israelites, who looked at his ?private parts

Did he not narrate that Solomon (a.s.), the son of David (a.s.), had broken the verdict of his ?father? And that he refused to say inshAllah (S.w.T.), so his deed failed

Did he not ascribe to Allah (S.w.T.) what could never be accepted neither by the Shari'ah nor by reason? He said that Hell will not be full, unless Allah (S.w.T.) puts His leg in it. In his tradition about the Day of Resurrection, he said that Allah (S.w.T.) comes to people in an image different from that which they know saying to them: "I am your god." They say: "Allah (S.w.T.) forbid!" Then He comes to them in the image, which they know! They say: "You are our god." Abu Hurayra said that Adam was created in an image like the image of the Beneficent (Allah (S.w.T.))! And that Allah (S.w.T.) had created Adam like His image. He .was sixty cubits long and seven cubits wide

You will find many many of his wonders in the next chapter which cause to cut the throat, so why he told of them easily? In fact he narrated those traditions as if he had done people a favor. He told of superstitions but

no one threw at him a stone, dung, or trash as it was clear for any one knew him. But we are afflicted with unjust people and we do not have save Allah (S.w.T.) to resort to.

We want to draw the prudent researchers' attention that Abu Hurayra said(۱): "No one have narrated traditions from the Prophet (S.) more than I have, except Abdullah bin Amr bin al-Aass, because he wrote down but I didn't."

He confessed that Abdullah bin Amr had narrated traditions more than he had. We researched on Abdullah's traditions and we found that they were no more than seven hundred.(۲) So they were less than one seventh in comparison with Abu Hurayra's traditions.

The researchers were very confused how to excuse Abu Hurayra in this contradiction. But Ibn Hajar al-Qastalani and sheikh Zakariya al-Ansari found an excuse when they explained this tradition in their books(۳) that Abdullah bin Amr bin al-Aass lived in Egypt and those, who went to Egypt, were very few, therefore he narrated a little of his traditions, while Abu Hurayra lived in Medina, which was the destination of Muslims from everywhere, so his traditions were so many.

Abu Hurayra's saying was clear to abort this excuse. He acknowledged that no one had narrated traditions from the Prophet (S.) more than he had except Abdullah bin Amr. The man, himself, confessed that Abdullah's traditions were more than his so there was no way for the excuse of the two authors.

The great position and respect Abdullah bin Amr

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۱ - A tradition narrated by Wahab bin Munabbih from his brother Humam from Abu Hurayra, mentioned in al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۱ chapter of "Knowledge", section on writing knowledge, pg. ۲۲.

۲ - Al-Qastalani's book Irshad as-Sari fee Sharh Sahih al- Bukhari, vol.۱, pg.۳۷۳.

۳ - Al-Qastalani's Irshad as-Sari and Zakariya's Tuhfatul-Bari. They were printed together in twelve volumes. You will find this excuse in vol.۱,pg.۳۷۳.

had in Egypt were a good cause to let him narrate his many traditions. There was no one else than him in Egypt, whom people knew very well, except some very few companions or travelers. So he was the only expert in the Qur'an, the Shari'ah and the Sunna that people resorted to. What a difference between his position in Egypt and Abu Hurayra's position in Medina was! For Abdullah had the rank of the veracious jurisprudent and the glory of the conqueror's son in the Egyptians' hearts, where Abu Hurayra, in Medina, was .just one of thousands of the Prophet's (S.) companions

The delegations visiting Medina went to the famous great companions, whom Abu Hurayra was not one of. Also he was accused of narrating too much many traditions from the Prophet (S.). People of Medina often blamed him by saying: "Why didn't the Muhajireen and the Ansar narrate as much as his traditions."(١) His position in Medina would not let him narrate so many traditions. It was unbelievable that his traditions were more than Abdullah's; especially after his confession that Abdullah's traditions were more (than his. In addition that Abdullah bin Amr lived long after Abu Hurayra's death.(٢

In fact Abu Hurayra confessed of that at the beginning after the Prophet's (S.) death, when he was not so excessive in narrating traditions. He became so excessive during the reign of Mu'awiya where there was neither Abu Bakr, Omar, Ali nor any one of the great companions whom Abu

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Muhajireen (emigrants): the first Muslims of Mecca who emigrated to Medina. Ansar - ١ (helpers and assistants): the people of Medina who believed in the prophet and assisted .him and his companions

Abu Hurayra died, as it was mentioned in al-Issaba of Ibn Hajar, in fifty-seven or fifty- -٢ eight of hijra and it was said fifty-nine. Abdullah died, according to the same reference, in sixty-five or sixty-eight or sixty-nine of hijra. Al-Qaysarani said in his book Rijal-as-.Sahihayn that he had died in ninety-two. Allah (S.w.T.) is the most aware

.Hurayra feared

The Quality of his Traditions

point

The good tact does not accept many of Abu Hurayra's styles of traditions and the scientific and mental criteria do not assent to them. Here are forty of his traditions in front of you. Let you ponder on them with our annotations prudently and impartially, and then .you can show your point of view

Allah (S.w.T.) Created Adam Like His Own Image (١

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The two sheikhs; al-Bukhari and Muslim(١) mentioned a tradition narrated by Abdur-Razak from Ma'mar from Humam bin Munabbih that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) said: "Allah (S.w.T.) had created Adam like His own image in sixty cubits long." Ahmad added(٢) from another way by Sa'eed bin al-Musayyab that Abu Hurayra had said: "..and seven cubits wide. When Allah (S.w.T.) had finished creating him, He said to him: Go and greet those sitting angels and listen to what they will greet you with. It will be your and your progeny's greeting. Adam went and said to them: As-salamu alaykum (peace be upon you). They said: As-salamu alayk wa rahmatullah. They added (wa rahmatullah-and the mercy of Allah (S.w.T.)). Every one entered Paradise was like Adam in sixty cubits long. ".The human beings began to grow less gradually until nowadays

This could never be ascribed to Prophet Muhammad (S.) or any of the other prophets nor to their guardians. Perhaps Abu Hurayra learnt that from the Jews(٣) by his friend Ka'bul Ahbar or some one else. The content of this tradition is exactly the same as the twenty-seventh paragraph of the first chapter of the

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Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.٤ first tradition in chapter of "AlIstidhan", pg.٥٧, Muslim's -١ Sahih, vol.٢ chapter of paradise, section people entering paradise having hearts like .birds', pg.٤٨١ and Ahmed's Musnad, vol.٢, pg.٣١٥

.Irshad as-Sari,vol.٧,pg.٩٠ -٢

He quoted many things from them, like his saying: Sayhan, Jayhan, the Euphrates and -٣ the Nile of Egypt all are parts of Paradise. It was mentioned by al-Khateeb in his book .History of Baghdad, vol.٢,pg.٢٣٥. It was quoted from the Old Testament

Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament). Here is the text as it is: (Allah (S.w.T.) had created man like His own image. Like the image of Allah (S.w.T.) He had created him. Male and .(female He had created them

Glorified is Allah (S.w.T.) than to describe Him with imaging, limitation and likeness. Be He exalted and they lost who ascribed that to Him. They might interpret the tradition by ascribing the pronoun (his image) to Adam himself not to Allah (S.w.T.). Then the meaning would be that Allah (S.w.T.) had created Adam in Paradise in an image same to that when he descended to the earth. That Allah (S.w.T.) had completed him in one time and made him sixty cubits long and seven cubits wide, the same image, which his offspring on the earth saw, and he did not advance from a state to another. Adam was not a seed then became a clot then a lump of flesh then bones clothed with flesh then a fetus then a suckling infant then a weaned child then a teenager then a man with the normal length .and width

This is what they, who glorify Allah (S.w.T.) and deny embodying Him, can say to interpret this tradition. But it was narrated by Abu Hurayra in these words: "Adam had been created corresponding to the image of the Beneficent (Allah (S.w.T.))."(۱) Abu Hurayra had another tradition saying: "Prophet Moses (a.s.) beat the rock with his stick for the Israelites and water gushed out. He said

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Al-Qastalani mentioned this tradition in his book Irshad as-Sari, vol.۱۰, pg.۴۹۱and said - ۱ that the pronoun (his) in Abu Hurayra's tradition (Allah (S.w.T.) had created Adam .according to His image..), referred to Allah (S.w.T.) and not to Adam

to them: "Drink water, donkeys." Then Allah (S.w.T.) revealed to him: "You intended to compare the human beings, whom I had created according to My image, to donkeys."(١)

This embarrassed those who defended Abu Hurayra and made them give in to this (pronoun) looking for another interpretation.

They interpreted Abu Hurayra's sayings: (Allah (S.w.T.) had created Adam according to His image) and (Adam had been created according to the image of the Beneficent) and in his tradition about Moses (I had created them according to my image) that Allah (S.w.T.) had created Adam and his progenies according to the attributes of Allah (S.w.T.). Allah (S.w.T.) is alive, hearer, seer, talker, aware, willing and disliker. So He had given these attributes to Adam and his progeny.

They fell into what they fled from, because the attribute of Allah (S.w.T.) is far above comparison. This is agreed upon unanimously among those who believe in transcendence of Allah (S.w.T.). Especially when we say that His attribute is He Himself and that He is the Truth as it is fixed in our principles of jurisprudence.

Abu Hurayra advanced in this tradition. Sometime he narrated it as above and sometime he said: "If someone of you quarrels with another, let him avoid the face because Allah (S.w.T.) had created Adam according to His image."(٢) Sometime he said: "If someone of you hits another, let avoid the face and not say: May Allah (S.w.T.) uglify your face and the face of whoever looks like you, because Allah (S.w.T.) had

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١- Ibn Qutayba mentioned this tradition in his book (Interpretation of different traditions) pg.٢٨٠, and made it as evidence that the pronoun (his) in Abu Hurayra's saying: (Allah (S.w.T.) had created Adam according to His image) referred to Allah (S.w.T.) and not to Adam.

٢- Muslim's Sahih, vol.٢ section on hitting face being forbidden, pg.٣٩٧.

(created Adam according to His image."(۱

It was clear that he closed the way before his defenders to recede to any of the two interpretations. The pronoun his in (according to his image) could not refer to Adam in either of the two traditions but it must refer to Allah (S.w.T.) in order to correct the meaning of the traditions. One might justify forbidding to hit or uglify the face.(۲) Creating Adam as a living, hearing, seeing, talking, perceiving, willing and unwilling creature does not make it necessary to preserve the face rather than the other organs. To interpret the two traditions according to either of these interpretations was invalid. In fact these two traditions had no meaning, unless they meant the face of man for it looked like the face of !Allah (S.w.T.). Glory be to Allah (S.w.T.), the Exalted, the Almighty

Hence the Sunni researchers who believed in transcendence of Allah (S.w.T.) became confused about the meaning of these traditions and resorted to Allah (S.w.T.), the most (Aware.(۳

Notes

First: If Adam was sixty cubits long, so he must be, according to the conformity of his organs, seventeen and one seventh cubits wide. If his width was seven cubits, his length must be twenty-four and a half cubits, because the width of the normal man equals two sevenths of his length. Why did Abu Hurayra say that Adam was sixty cubits long and seven cubits width? Did Adam have an unconformable structure and a disfigured form? :Certainly not! Allah (S.w.T.) said

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Mentioned by al-Bukhari in al-Adab al-Mufrad and by Ahmed in his Musnad, vol.۲, - ۱ .pg.۴۳۴

I wish Abu Hurayra would justify forbidding to hit the face for its niceness and beauty - ۲ and that it has the important organs; ears, eyes, nose, mouth, lips, teeth, eyebrows, front and others, because most of perceiving is by them. Hitting the face may harm them and leave them idle or disfigure the face and that will be ugly because the face is apparent and can't be covered. But Abu Hurayra preferred to distort the facts whether his !partisans knew or not. We don't have save Allah (S.w.T.) to resort to

Imam an-Nawawi said: Some of the jurisprudents refrained from interpreting all these -٣ traditions and said: We believe that they were true and their literal meaning was not intended. They might have suitable meanings. He said: This was the thought of the Sunni predecessors, which was more precautionary and safer... Refer to Sharh Sahih Muslim, which was printed in the margins of Sharh Sahih al-Bukhari, vol.١٢, pg.١٨. Al-Qastalani mentioned something like that in his book Irshad as-Sari , vol.١٠, pg.۴٩١, then he said: ..and this is safer. This shows that they believed that these traditions were true. Allah (S.w.T.) forbid! (..and most surely the frailest of the houses is the spider's house-did they but .know) ٢٩:۴١

.Certainly we created man in the best make) ۹۵:۴)

Second: The greeting of Islam was legislated when Islam came. Prophet Muhammad said: “The Jews didn’t envy you a thing as much as they envied you your greeting (salaam).”(۱) If salaam did not concern this umma only, the Jews would not envy it. How did Abu Hurayra say: “When Allah (S.w.T.) had created Adam, he said to him: Go to greet those angels and listen to what they will greet you with because it is your and your progenies’ greeting.” What would the prudent researchers say about this tradition? And what would ?they say about his saying that people began to grow less (in size) since then until now

Seeing Allah (S.w.T.) In The Day Of Resurrection In Different Images (۲

point

The two sheikhs(۲) mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: “Some people asked: “O messenger of Allah (S.w.T.), can we see our god in the Day of Resurrection?” He said: “Would you be unable to see the sun when there were no clouds?” They said: “No, messenger of Allah (S.w.T.).” He said: “Would you be unable to see the full moon when there were no clouds?” They said: “No, messenger of Allah (S.w.T.).” He said: “You will see Allah (S.w.T.) like that in the Day of Resurrection. Allah (S.w.T.) gathers people and says: “.“Whoever worshipped a thing, let him follow it

Then whoever worshipped the sun, would follow the sun, whoever worshipped the moon, would follow the moon and whoever worshipped the tyrants would follow the tyrants. This umma will stay with its hypocrites. Allah

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.Refer to al-Qastalani in his book Irshad as-Sari, vol.۱۰, pg.۴۹۲ -۱

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S.w.T.) comes to them in a shape different from what they know and says: “I am your) god.” They say: “Allah (S.w.T.) forbid! We will not leave until our god comes to us. If he “.comes, we will know Him

Then Allah (S.w.T.) comes to them in the shape that they know and says: “I am your god.” They say: “Yes, You are our god.” They follow Him. Then He creates the bridge of Hell. I am the first to cross it. The prophets pray: “O Allah (S.w.T.), save us, save us!” The bridge has hooks like the thorns of sa’dan.(۱) Have you seen the sa’dan?” They said: “Yes, we have.” The hooks are like the thorns of sa’dan, but no one knows how great they are save Allah (S.w.T.). They snatch people according their deeds. Some will be perished and some .will be felled then saved

When Allah (S.w.T.) finishes off the judgment among His people and wants to save from Hell whomever He wants of those, who witnessed that there was no god but Allah (S.w.T.), He orders the angels to get them out of Hell. They will be known by the vestige of prostration (in prayers). Allah (S.w.T.) forbids Hell (fire) to burn the vestiges of prostration of man. The angels take them out of Hell. They are burnt. Water, called water of life, is .poured upon them and they grow like the seed in the fertile ground

:There is a man facing the fire and saying

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۱- A kind of thistle found in the Arabia.

O my Lord, the wind of fire hurt me and its flame burnt me. Turn my face away from fire." " He still prays Allah (S.w.T.) until Allah (S.w.T.) says: "If I do that, you may ask me something else." H said: "I swear by Your glory that I won't ask You anything else." Allah (S.w.T.) turns the man's face away from fire. Then he says: "O my Lord, approach me to Paradise." Allah (S.w.T.) says: "Didn't you say not to ask me anything else? Woe to you, man! What perfidious you are!" He still prays Allah (S.w.T.), until Allah (S.w.T.) says: "If I do ".that, you may ask Me something else

He says: "I swear by Your glory that I won't ask You anything else." He promises Allah (S.w.T.) with many covenants not to ask Him else than that. Allah (S.w.T.) approaches him to the gate of Paradise. When he sees what is there in Paradise, he becomes quiet for a period of time then he says: "O my Lord, let me enter into Paradise." Allah (S.w.T.) says: "Didn't you promise not to ask Me else than that? Woe to you, man! What perfidious you are!" He says: "O my Lord, don't make me the most miserable of Your people." He still prays Allah (S.w.T.), until Allah (S.w.T.) (laughs)!! When Allah (S.w.T.) laughs at him, He permits him to enter into Paradise. When he enters into Paradise, he is asked to wish what he likes. He wishes. Then he is

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asked to wish. He wishes until he does not find anything to wish. Allah (S.w.T.) says to him: ".“All this is for you and else as much as it

Muslim mentioned the tradition from another way(۱) that Abu Hurayra said: “Allah (S.w.T.) comes to this umma that has pious and lewd people in the Day of Resurrection in a shape different from His shape that they saw before, saying to them: “I am your Lord.” They say: “Allah (S.w.T.) forbid!” He says: “Is there a special sign between you and Him by which you ".know Him?” They say: “Yes, There is

Then He bares a leg. Whoever prostrated faithfully (in the worldly life) for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.), Allah (S.w.T.) permits him to prostrate and whoever prostrated in hypocrisy and dissimulation, Allah (S.w.T.) makes his back as one layer that whenever he wants to prostrate, he falls on his back. Then they raise their heads and see that Allah (S.w.T.) has turned into His shape that they saw at the first time. He says: “I am your Lord.” They say: “Yes, You are.” Allah (S.w.T.) creates a bridge on Hell…etc.” It was a long tradition but al-Bukhari summarized it when he interpreted sura of Noon in his Sahih.(۲)

The text of the tradition is as the following: “I (Abu Hurayra) heard the Prophet (S.) saying: “Our Lord bares his leg and every believer, men and women, will prostrate in front of Him, while he, who prostrated in hypocrisy and dissimulation

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۱- Sahih of Muslim, vol.۱ chapter of faith, section on proving that believers see their lord in thereafter, pg.۸۸.

۲- vol.۲, pg.۱۳۸.

".in the worldly life, goes to prostrate but he cant for that his back becomes as one layer

It is a terrible tradition. I want to ask the learned and educated people if it is acceptable for them that Allah (S.w.T.) may have different shapes, which people denies some and know the others! Does Allah (S.w.T.) have a leg to be a distinctive mark leading to know Him? Why is it the leg and no any other organ? Is it possible to ascribe to Allah (S.w.T.) laughing or coming and going in movement? Is this speech rational? Is it like the Prophet's (S.) speech? Certainly not! I swear by Who had sent him with the rightness

An Apostle from among themselves, reciting to them His communications and purifying..) them, and teaching them the Book and the wisdom, although before that they were .surely in manifest error) ٣:١۶۴

(.A Word About Seeing Allah (S.w.T

The Sunnis agreed unanimously that seeing Allah (S.w.T.) with the eyes was possible in the worldly life and in the afterlife and they agreed too that it would happen certainly in the afterlife. The believers would see Allah (S.w.T.) in the Day of Resurrection with their eyes but the unbelievers would never see Him at all. Most of them thought that seeing Allah (S.w.T.) would not happen in the worldly life. Some of them might say that it would .be

Those, who believed in embodiment (of Allah (S.w.T.)), said that they would see Allah (S.w.T.) in the Day of Resurrection by the connection of the

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rays between their eyes and His (body!) to look at Him as they looked at each other. They would have no doubt about that as they had no doubt about the sun and the full moon when there were no clouds according to the tradition of Abu Hurayra. They, who believed in embodiment, contradicted the mental and traditional principles and broke the unanimity of the umma and they reneged their religion and the Islamic necessities. So we .have no word with them

As for the others of the Ash'arites, who believed in transcendence of Allah (S.w.T.), they said that seeing Allah (S.w.T.) was an ability, which Allah (S.w.T.) would grant to the believers in particular to make them see Him not by the connection of the rays between the seer and Him, nor by facing Him, nor by limiting Him nor.. nor.. It would not be like the normal sight of people. It would be a special sight falling from the believers upon Allah .(S.w.T.). It would have no limitation, no modification, nor any of the six directions

This is impossible and cannot be imagined, unless Allah (S.w.T.) gives the believers in the afterlife another sight with aspects different from these of the sight in this worldly life, in a way that the sight of the eyes will be like the sight of the heart (perception of the mind). This is far away from the cause of the disagreement between us. Perhaps the disagreement between us is because of the usage of

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.the words

Hell Won't Be Full Until Allah (S.w.T.) Puts His Leg In It (۳

The two sheikhs mentioned a tradition narrated by Abdur Razak from Ma'mar from Humam that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Paradise and the Hell disputed about what each had. The Hell said: "I am favored by having the haughty people and the tyrants. The Paradise said: "What about me that I have but the poor and miserable people." Allah (S.w.T.) said to Paradise: "You are My mercy, which I grant to whomever I will." He said to Hell: "You are My torture, which I punish with whomever I will." Each of them must be filled. But Hell will not be filled until Allah (S.w.T.) puts His leg into it and it says: "Enough, enough." Then it becomes full and some of its parts join the others."(۱)

The wealthier Abu Hurayra became, the more foolish his thought were.(۲) He saw that Hell is larger than to be filled with the disobedient people and Allah (S.w.T.) said that He would fill it:(He said: The truth then is and the truth do I speak that I will certainly fill Hell) ۳۸:۸۴-۸۵. So Abu Hurayra stopped, in front of these two matters, confused pondering how to reconcile between them, until he found a solution for this problem that Allah (S.w.T.) would put His leg into Hell, because, according to Abu Hurayra's opinion, the leg of Allah (S.w.T.) must be greater than Hell whatever Hell was great and wide. And since Abu Hurayra was so clever and brilliant so no wonder to gather between

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۱- Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۳ chapter on tafsir surat Qaf, pg.۱۲۷. Muslim's Sahih, vol.۲. pg.۴۸۲. Ahmed's Musnad, vol.۲, pg.۳۱۴.

۲- Proverb.

:(.the contradictories. But if he pondered about the saying of Allah (S.w.T

He said: The truth then is and the truth do I speak that I will certainly fill Hell with you and) with those among them who follow you, all) ۳۸:۸۴-۸۵

His tongue would be tied and he would go away stumbling with his dirty garment, because the verse declared that Hell would be filled with him and his likes, the devils and .who followed them of people

However, this tradition is impossible according to reason and the Shari'ah. Does any Muslim glorifying Allah (S.w.T.) believe that Allah (S.w.T.) has a leg? Does any sane man believe that Allah (S.w.T.) puts His leg in Hell in order to be filled? What is the maxim of that? Does this speech have any importance? With which language do Paradise and Hell dispute? With what senses do they perceive and know those, who enter into them? What favor do the arrogant and tyrants have that Hell prides of while they are suffering torture? And does Paradise think that those who entered into it are pauper and miserable people while they are those, whom Allah (S.w.T.) prefers? They are the prophets, the veracious people, the martyrs, and the righteous people. I do not think that Paradise and .Hell are so ignorant, stupid and dotard

Allah (S.w.T.) Descends To The Lower Heaven Every Night (۴

The two sheikhs mentioned a tradition narrated by Ibn Shihab from Abu Abdullah al-Agharr and Abu Salama bin Abdur-Rahman that Abu Hurayra had said: "Our god descends to the lower heaven at

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the last third of every night and says: Let any one ask me to grant him what he asks (for."(۱)

Was He exalted and far above ascending and descending, coming and going, moving about and any other happening. This tradition and the three before were the source of embodiment in Islam as it appeared in the time of the intellectual complication. Many heresies and aberrations came out by the Hanbalis, especially Ibn Taymiya, who ascended the minbar of the Umayyad mosque in Damascus on one Friday preaching. He said through his heresies: "Allah (S.w.T.) descends to the lower heaven every night like my descending now." He descended one step of the minbar to show them how Allah (S.w.T.) descends in a real motion from up to down. A Maliki jurisprudent called Ibn az-Zahra' contradicted him and denied what he had said. The people in the mosque rushed to the Maliki jurisprudent and beat him with hands and shoes severely until his turban fell down on the ground. They carried him to the judge of Hanbalis in Damascus, who was called Izzuddeen bin Muslim. He ordered to put him in prison and he punished him after that... (etc.(۲)

Solomon Breaks His Father David's Verdict (۵

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The two sheikhs(۳) mentioned a tradition narrated by Abu Hurayra that the Prophet had said: " There were two women with their two babies. A wolf came and snatched one of the babies. The women disputed that each pretended the baby was eaten by the wolf was of the other. They went to Prophet

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Sahih of al-Bukhari, vol.۴ section on "Midnight supplication", pg.۶۸ and vol.۱, pg.۱۳۶. - ۱ .Sahih of Muslim, vol.۱,pg.۲۸۳.Musnad of Ahmed bin Hanbal, vol.۲, pg.۲۵۸

The explorer Ibn Battouta attended this incident and mentioned what he had seen in - ۲ .his book Rihla (travel), vol.۱, pg.۵۷

Sahih of al-Bukhari. vol.۲ chapter of "Beginning of creation", section on tafsir of verse ۳۰ -۳ of Surat Sad, pg.۱۶۶. Sahih of Muslim, vol.۲,pg.۵۷. Musnad of Ahmed bin Hanbal, vol.۲, .pg.۳۲۲

David to judge between them. He judged that the remained live baby was the elder woman's baby. They went to prophet Solomon (a.s.), the son of prophet David (a.s.), and told him their story. He said: "Bring me a knife (١) to cut the baby into two halves to give each one a half." The younger woman cried: "Please, don't do that, Allah (S.w.T.) may have mercy upon you. It is of that woman." Then prophet Solomon judged that the baby was of the younger woman." Abu Hurayra said: "I swear by Allah (S.w.T.) that I haven't heard of ".(sikkeen (knife) before that. We called it midya (knife

:We have some notes about this tradition

First: David(a.s.) was a prophet, whom Allah (S.w.T.) had delegated to guide His people :and entrusted to rule on the earth with justice. Allah (S.w.T.) said

O Dawood! surely We have made you a ruler in the land; so judge between men with) .justice) ٣٨:٢۶

:Allah (S.w.T.) had praised him in the holy Qur'an by saying

and remember Our servant Dawood, the possessor of power; surely he was frequent in..) returning (to Allah (S.w.T.)). Surely We made the mountains to sing the glory (of Allah (S.w.T.)) in unison with him at the evening and the sunrise, And the birds gathered together; all joined in singing with him. And We strengthened his kingdom and We gave him wisdom and a clear judgement) ٣٨:١٧-٢٠, and: (And most surely he had a nearness to ,Us and an excellent resort) ٣٨:۴٠

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.In Arabic it is called sikkeen -١

and: (and certainly We have made some of the prophets to excel others, and to Dawood .We gave a scripture) ۱۷:۵۵

Allah (S.w.T.) had favoured prophet David (a.s.) with the Book of Psalms. He was infallible, especially in judgement and rule according to what Allah (S.w.T.) had said in the Qur'an: (and whoever did not judge by what Allah (S.w.T.) revealed, those are they that are the unjust) ۵:۴۵. The son Solomon was the inheritor of his father David's knowledge, wisdom and rule. He also was an infallible prophet. Hence, how could he break his father's judgement though he knew very well that his father was an infallible prophet? If, nowadays, a mufti having all the legal conditions of judgement judges between two persons, then it will be compulsory for all the other muftis to regard the validity of his verdict unless they know certainly that it is wrong. But among the prophets wrong was impossible because they all were infallible. So it was not possible for Solomon, who was a prophet, to break the verdict of his father, whom Allah (S.w.T.) had made prophet and ruler. His breaking the verdict of his father meant denying the will of Allah (S.w.T.) and .impoliteness and impiety towards his father

Second: The contradiction between the verdicts of these two prophets was clear, according to this tradition. It means that one of them was wrong. This was impossible for the prophets especially when they judged according to the laws of Allah (S.w.T.). Allah (.(S.w.T

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said: (..and whoever did not judge by what Allah (S.w.T.) revealed, those are they that are .the transgressors) ۵:۴۷

Third: The tradition showed that David(a.s.) had judged that the baby was the elder woman's baby without any evidence just because she was the elder. Judgements like these didn't come except from an ignorant man, who didn't know anything about the .legal criteria and the laws of trials. Glory be to Allah (S.w.T.) and His prophets

Fourth: Solomon (a.s.) judged that the baby was the younger woman's baby just because she feared for the baby to be cut by the knife. This was not an enough evidence for Solomon to judge according to it, especially after that the younger woman had confessed .that it was the other woman's baby and after his father's judgement

Fifth: I wonder, by Allah (S.w.T.), at those who believed Abu Hurayra when he said: "I swear by Allah (S.w.T.) that I haven't heard of sikkeen before that. We didn't call it but midya." Sikkeen was more common among the Arabs, and I don't think that there was one who didn't know its meaning. In fact, many of the common people didn't know the midya. Did Abu Hurayra not read or hear Allah (S.w.T.) saying in sura of Yousuf (۱): (...and .gave each of them a (sikkeen) knife) ۱۲:۳۱

Didn't he, himself, narrate that the Prophet (S.) had said: "He, who was made a judge for (people, as if he was slaughtered without a (sikkeen) knife."(۲

Note

(.Abu Hurayra thought that David (a.s

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۱- Sura of Yousuf was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (S.) in Mecca except four verses which were revealed in Medina, the first three verses and the fourth: (Certainly in Yusuf and his brothers there are signs for the inquirers) ۱۲:۷. Abu Hurayra became a Muslim seven years after the revelation of this sura, which it had been recited by the Muslims day .and night and he heard them read it in their prayers many times

۲- Mentioned by imam Ahmed bin Hanbal in his book Musnad, vol.۲, pg.۲۳۰, that it was narrated by Muhammad bin Ja'far from Shu'ba from al-Ala' from his father from Abu

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and Solomon (a.s.) (when they gave judgement concerning the field..) ٢١:٧٨, were contradictable in their judgements so it became easy for him to fabricate that imaginary story where he didn't know that they both were right and the judgement and knowledge .(.of each of them were from Allah (S.w.T

The case was that some sheep had entered into a vineyard, which its grapevines' clusters(١) had come out, and ate it in the night. The vineyard keeper and the sheep keeper went to prophet David (a.s.) to judge between them. He found, according to the Shari'ah revealed to him by Allah (S.w.T.), that he had to judge that the vineyard keeper would take the sheep because the value of the sheep was equal to the value of the damage in the vineyard. When he wanted to give his judgement, Allah (S.w.T.) abrogated it by revealing to Solomon (a.s.), who was a partner with his father in prophecy, that the judgement in this case was to give the sheep to the vineyard keeper to make use of their milk and wool and to give the vineyard to the sheep keeper to restore it as it was before .then each of them would take his property

Allah (S.w.T.) made by this judgement a use for the vineyard by the sheep in return for his loss without possessing the sheep and made the sheep keeper work in the vineyard to .restore it as before

When Allah (S.w.T.) instructed Solomon (a.s.) with that, he offered it to his

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١ - As it was narrated from Imam Abu Ja'far al-Baqir and Imam Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq .((as

.father. His father asked him insistently to do what Allah (S.w.T.) had revealed to him

This is the summery of what happened between them. There was no contradiction or .disagreement like any two divine laws, which one abrogated the other

:Here is the saying of Allah (S.w.T.), the most exalted, which explains this fact

And Dawood and Sulaiman when they gave judgement concerning the field when the) people's sheep pastured therein by night, and We were bearers of witness to their judgement. So We made Sulaiman to understand it(۱); and to each one We gave wisdom and knowledge; and We made the mountains, and the birds to celebrate Our praise with .Dawood; and We were the doers) ۲۱:۷۸-۷۹

Look at the saying of Allah (S.w.T.) (and to each one We gave wisdom and knowledge), you will find that both of them were right, because the knowledge and judgement of each .(.of them were from Allah (S.w.T

But Abu Hurayra thought it easy to condemn the prophets that they might misjudge like .the other muftis

And they do not assign to Allah (S.w.T.) the attributes due to Him) ۶:۹۱)

When they permitted themselves to give fatwas according to their own thinking against the prophets, who were the means between Allah (S.w.T.) and His people. They thought that the prophets might misjudge even in the legal judgements and laws, which were, no (.doubt, revealed to them from Allah (S.w.T

and whoever did not judge by what Allah (S.w.T.) revealed, those are they that are the) .unbelievers) ۵:۴۴

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۱ - i.e. We instructed Solomon this judgement and it was to abrogate the judgement, .which We had instructed David before

discernment returned to their minds, they would know that the prophets didn't give decisions and judgements according to their thought because they would know that by revelation. This was possible for the mujtahids of umma because it was the best of what they can do. But it was impossible for the prophets because it often led to one's own .thought

If the prophets judged according to their thought, it would be possible for the other mujtahids to contradict them. Then the dignity of prophecy and the prophets would be lost. Could any faithful mujtahid dare to contradict Prophet Muhammad (S.) and break his !verdict? Certainly not! It is blasphemy unanimously

The holy Qur'an declares clearly that Prophet Muhammad (S.) acted according to the revelation

.nor does he speak out of desire. It is naught but revelation that is revealed) ۵۳:۳-۴..)

.(So did all the prophets and apostles (peace be upon them all

Solomon Goes To Bed With A Hundred Women in One Night (۶

The two sheikhs mentioned a tradition that Abu Hurayra had said: "Prophet Muhammad (S.) said: Sulayman ibn Dawood (Solomon, the son of David) said: I will go to bed with a hundred of women tonight. Each woman will give birth to a boy, who will fight for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.). The angel said to him: Say inshAllah (S.w.T.). He did not say it and went to bed with them. No one of them did bear except one, who gave birth to half a human being. If he said inshAllah (S.w.T.), he wouldn't break his oath and his desire

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".would be realized

:We also have some notes about this tradition

First: The human power is unable to go to bed with one hundred women in one night, however strong the man is. This is against the rules of nature and cannot be happened at .all

Second: It was not possible for the prophet Solomon (a.s.) to turn his back on the will of Allah (S.w.T.), especially after the precaution of the angel to him. What prevented him to say inshAllah (S.w.T.)? Was he not the prophet, whom Allah (S.w.T.) had delegated to guide people in the way of Allah (S.w.T.)? It was the ignorant that turned their backs on the will of Allah (S.w.T.) and ignored that all their affairs were in His hand! The prophets were far above the inattention of the ignorant. They were far above what the dotards .thought

Third: Abu Hurayra was confused about the number of Solomon's wives. Sometimes he said they were one hundred,(١) and sometimes he said they were ninety,(٢) seventy,(٣) and sixty(۴). All these traditions were mentioned in al-Bukhari, Muslim, and Ahmed's books. I do not know what they would say, those who defended this man! Would they say that Solomon (a.s.) had done this thing several times with his wives? So they were a hundred at the first time and ninety at the second time and seventy or sixty at the other times. And every time the angel precautioned him but he did not say inshAllah (S.w.T.). I do not think they would say

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١- Sahih of al-Bukhari, vol.٣ chapter of "Marriage", section on "Visiting my wives...", pg.١٧۶. Musnad of Ahmed, vol.٢, pg.٢٢٩ and pg.٢٧٠.

٢- Sahih of al-Bukhari, vol.۴ chapter of Iman and Nuthoor, section on Istithna in Iman, pg.١٠٧.

٣- Sahih of al-Bukhari, vol.٢ chapter of "Beginning of creation", section on tafsir of verse ٣٠ surat Sad, pg.١۶۵.

۴- Sahih of Muslim, vol.٢ chapter of faith, section on exception, pg.٢٣. In the same chapter Muslim mentioned a tradition narrated by Abu Hurayra from another way that they were

.seventy and another tradition narrated by him from a third way that they were ninety

that. It would be better for them to say: The tear became wider for the patcher to (repair.(١)A liar has no good memory.(٢

Moses Slaps The Angel of Death (٧

The two sheikhs mentioned a tradition that Abu Hurayra had said: "Prophet Muhammad (S.) said: The angel of death came to Moses (a.s.) and said to him: Respond to the order of your god! Moses slapped the angel of death on his eye and gouged it. The angel of death returned to Allah (S.w.T.) and said to Him: You sent me to one of Your slaves, who did not want to die. He gouged my eye. Allah (S.w.T.) restored to him his eye and said to him: Go back to My slave and say to him: If you want to live, you are to put your hand on a bull's (back and see how many hairs stick in your hand. You will live for every hair a year."(٣

Ahmed bin Hanbal mentioned this tradition in his Musnad(۴) that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) said: The angel of death used to come to people visibly. He came to Moses. Moses (a.s.) slapped him and gouged his eye..." Ibn Jareer at-Tabari in his book Tareekh al-Umam wel- Mulook (the history of the nations and the kings) vol. ١, mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: "The angel of death used to come to people visibly until he came to Moses. Moses slapped him and gouged his eye..." and at the last of the tradition that "the angel of death

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.A proverb -١

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Sahih of Muslim, vol.٢ chapter of "Virtues", section on virtues of prophet Moses, pg. ٣٠٩. -٣ Sahih of al- Bukhari, vol.٢ chapter of "Beginning of creation", section on "Prophet .Moses's", pg.١۶٣ and vol. ١, pg.١۵٨

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(began to come to people invisibly after the death of Moses.”(۱

You note clearly that this tradition has many things, which can never be ascribed to Allah (S.w.T.), His prophets, and His angels. Is it suitable for Allah (S.w.T.) to choose among His people one, who assaults like the tyrants even upon the angels of Allah (S.w.T.) just because of anger and acts like the mutinous arrogant or to hate death so much like the ignorant? Was that possible for Moses, whom Allah (S.w.T.) had chosen for His mission ?and entrusted with His revelation

Was that possible for Moses, whom Allah (S.w.T.) had favored with His talking to and made one of the best prophets? How did he hate death while he desired to meet Allah (S.w.T.) and to be near Him? What was the guilt of the angel of death, who was but a messenger from Allah (S.w.T.) to him to be slapped and his eye be gouged? Was it suitable for the arch-prophets to insult and beat the angels, who were sent by Allah (S.w.T.) to inform them of the missions and orders of Allah (S.w.T.)? Allah (S.w.T.) and His prophets !and angels are far above that

Why did we disavow the dwellers of ar-Rass, the Pharaoh, Abu Jahl and the likes and curse them day and night? Was that not because they offended the prophets when they came to them with the missions and orders of Allah (S.w.T.)? How do we, then, ascribe the same to the

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۱- If the angel of death came to people visibly, that would be widespread among the all, like the rays of the sun in the midday. Why did the narrators and the historians of the other nations miss this news if it had had any reality? Why didn't the imagination of the fictionists and fablers hover about this excitement? Did they leave the honor of that for ?Abu Hurayra

!prophets? Allah (S.w.T.) forbid! What a great slander it is

It is well-known that the power of the human beings altogether, or in fact, the power of all the creatures since the beginning of creation until the Day of Resurrection, cannot stand against the power of the angel of death. How was it easy for Moses to beat him? Did the angel not defend himself although he was able to put Moses to death especially that he was ordered by Allah (S.w.T.) to do that? And when did the angel have an eye to be gouged? And do not forget that the angel lost his right for the slap and the gouged eye. He wasn't ordered by Allah (S.w.T.) to avenge himself upon Moses, in whose Torah Allah :(S.w.T.) had said

that life is for life, and eye for eye, and nose for nose, and ear for ear, and tooth for) (tooth, and (that there is) reprisal in wounds),(۱)

Nor Allah (S.w.T.) blamed Moses (a.s.), but He revered him by giving him the option to choose between dying or living for many other years as much as the hairs of the bull .stuck in his hand

I swear by the dignity of rightness and the honour of truthfulness and by their being above nullness and falsehood, that this man had burdened his defenders with what they couldn't bear and overtaxed them with his traditions, which their minds couldn't put up with, especially his saying: (the angel of death used to come to people

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۱- -Sura of al-Ma'ida, Verse:۴۵. We found that the twenty-third paragraph of the twenty-first chapter of the Exodus of the Torah, which is among the Jews and the Christians nowadays have the following meaning: (If a harm happened, a soul would be given for a soul, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a leg for a leg, a burn for a burn, a wound for a wound and a bruise for a bruise).

visibly before the death of Moses but he came to them invisibly after the death of Moses). May Allah (S.w.T.) save us from torpor of mind and nonsense of saying and doing. There is .no power save in Allah (S.w.T.), the most Exalted, the Almighty

A Rock Runs Away With Moses' Clothes (۸

The two sheikhs mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: "Prophet Muhammad (S.) said: "The Israelites bathed nakedly. They looked at each other's private parts. Moses bathed alone. They said: "By Allah (S.w.T.), nothing prevented Moses to bathe with us, unless he had a hernia." Once Moses went to bathe, He put his cloths on a rock. The rock ran away with Moses' cloths. Moses followed the rock crying: "O rock, my cloths! O rock, my cloths!" The Israelites looked at Moses private parts and said that Moses was all right. After that the rock stopped. Moses took his cloths and began to beat the rock. I swear by Allah ((S.w.T.) that the rock had six or seven scars."(۱)

Al-Bukhari and Muslim mentioned in their Sahihs that Abu Hurayra had said that it was :this event, which Allah (S.w.T.) had referred to in His saying

O you who believe! be not like those who spoke evil things of Musa, but Allah (S.w.T.)) .cleared him of what they said, and he was worthy of regard with Allah (S.w.T.)) ۳۳:۶۹

You see what impossibility there was in this tradition. It was not possible to defame prophet Moses (a.s.), who had the honour of talking with Allah (S.w.T.), by unveiling his

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We mentioned the tradition according to Muslim in his book Sahih, vol.۲ section on - ۱ prophet Moses's (a.s.) virtues, pg.۳۰۸. Al-Bukhari mentioned it in his Sahih, vol,۱ section on narration from Ishac bin Nasr which follows section on Moses and Khudr's conversation, pg.۱۶۲ and also in vol. ۱ in chapter of "Ghusl", section on being naked among others during ghusl, pg.۴۲. It was mentioned by Ahmed in his Musnad in many ways from Abu Hurayra, .vol.۲, pg.۳۱۵

private parts in front of his people, because that would disgrace him and diminish his dignity, especially when they saw him running after a rock, which didn't see or hear, and crying: "O rock, my cloths! O rock, my cloths!" Then to stop at the rock in front of people nakedly and beat it while the people were looking at his private parts as if he was mad!

If that thing were true, Allah (S.w.T.) would have done it. Then why would Moses be angry to punish the rock, which was obliged to do so because it had no mind or option? What was the use of beating a rock, which had no any feeling?

The running away of the rock with Moses cloths wouldn't give him any excuse to disgrace himself by unveiling his private parts in front of people. He could stay in his place until someone brought him his cloths or any thing else to veil himself like any sane man would do if something like that happened to him.

The running away of the rock was a miracle and an extraordinary thing. It would not happen unless there was a cause for challenge or to prove a very great thing like the moving of the tree for Prophet Muhammad (S.) in Mecca, when the polytheists suggested to the Prophet (S.) to make it move. Allah (S.w.T.) made the tree move from its place to another to prove Muhammad's prophecy and to certify his mission. It was clear that the

case of Moses bathing in the sea didn't require miracles or any challenge, especially when it would cause a scandal for the prophet in front of his people in a way that any one saw or heard about it would scorn him and make fun of him. As to prove that he had no hernia was not so important that it required disgracing the prophet or diminishing his dignity nor it was one of the necessities, which required miracles. It could be known easily by his .wives, who might, then, tell the truth

Let's suppose that he had a hernia, what was wrong with that? Prophet Shu'ayb (Jethro) became blind and the prophet Ayyoub (Job) was sick for forty years. All of the prophets became sick and died. It was not a defect that they had some sicknesses, especially when they were unknown by people like hernia. It was not possible for them to have something affecting their minds or their generosity or something that would lead people to keep .away from them or make fun of them. Certainly the hernia was not of that kind

It was not narrated by anyone that the Israelites thought Moses had a hernia except by !Abu Hurayra

:But the event that Allah (S.w.T.) referred to in the holy Qur'an by saying

O you who believe! be not like those who spoke evil things of Musa, but Allah (S.w.T.)) cleared him of what they said) ۳۳:۶۹

Was, as narrated by Imam Ali (a.s.) and Ibn Abbas, about the

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case that the Israelites accused him of killing Aaron. It was also said that it was about the case of the prostitute, whom Qaroun (Croesus) had seduced to accuse Moses of having a corrupted relationship with her but Allah (S.w.T.) acquitted him from this accusation where she, herself, said the truth. And it was said that they hurt him by ascribing to him .magic, lying and madness after they saw the miracles

I wonder at al-Bukhari and Muslim that they added these traditions to the virtues of Moses! Was beating the angel and gouging his eye a virtue? Was running in front of people nakedly honour? What was the meaning of this nonsense? Prophet Moses was far above that. It was enough for him what the holy Qur'an had declared about his virtues .and honourable position

People Resort To The Prophets Hoping Their Intercession (٩

The two sheikhs mentioned a long tradition of Abu Hurayra's saying that: "The Prophet (S.) said: In the Day of Resurrection Allah (S.w.T.) gathers all peoples, the first and the last of them, in one place. The caller can see them all and they all can hear him. The sun .comes nearer. People cannot tolerate the grief and worry

They say to each other: "Don't you see what grief you are in? Don't you find someone to intercede for you with your god?" They go to Adam (a.s.) and say to him: "You are the father of the human beings. Allah (S.w.T.) created you with His hands and blew in you some of His mercy. He

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ordered the angels to prostrate in front of you and they did. Please intercede for us with your god. Don't you see what we are in?" Adam (a.s.) says: "My God became so angry today to a degree that He hadn't become so angry before nor He will be so angry after that. He forbade me to eat from the tree but I disobeyed Him. Myself, myself, myself! Go to another prophet. Go to Noah."

They go to Noah (a.s.) and say to him: "O Noah, you were the first prophet to the people of the earth. Allah (S.w.T.) called you a grateful slave. Please intercede for us with your God. Don't you see what we are in?" Noah (a.s.) says: "My God became so angry today that He hadn't become so angry like that before, nor He will be so angry like that after today because I had, once, cursed my people. I shall keep to myself, myself, myself! Go to another prophet. Go to Abraham." They go to Abraham (a.s.) and say to him: "O Abraham, you are the prophet of Allah (S.w.T.) and His true friend among all the people of the earth, please intercede for us with your God. Don't you see what we are in?"

He says: "My God became so angry today that He hadn't become so angry like that before, nor he will be so angry like that after today. I had told lies three times. I will keep to myself, myself, myself!

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Go to another prophet. Go to Moses." They go to Moses (a.s.) and say to him: "O Moses, you are the prophet of Allah (S.w.T.). He preferred you with His mission and talked with you alone among all the people; please intercede for us with your god. Don't you see what we are in?" He says: "My God became so angry today that He hadn't become so angry like that before nor He will be so angry like that after today. I had killed someone, whom I was not ordered to kill. I will keep to myself, myself! Myself! Go to another than ".me. Go to Jesus

They go to Jesus (a.s.) and say to him: "O Jesus, you are the prophet of Allah (S.w.T.) and His word, which He communicated to Miriam (the Virgin Mary) and a spirit from Him. You spoke to people when you were in the cradle; please intercede to us with your God. Don't you see what we are in?" Jesus (a.s.) says: "My God became so angry today that He hadn't become so angry like that before, nor He will be so angry like that after today. (Abu ".Hurayra did not mention guilt) I will keep to myself, myself! Myself! Go to Muhammad

They go to Muhammad (S.) and say to him: "O Muhammad, you are the prophet of Allah (S.w.T.) and the last of the prophets. Allah (S.w.T.) forgave you all your guilts. Please intercede for us with your God. Don't you see

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what we are in?" Then I (Muhammad) go to be under the Empyrean and prostrate in front of my God. Allah (S.w.T.) grants me to praise and thank Him in a way that no one was granted with before me. Then it is said: "O Muhammad, raise your head and ask whatever you like, you will be granted that and intercede, your intercession will be accepted." I say: "O my God, my umma! O my God, my umma!" It is said: "O Muhammad, enter among your umma those, who won't be punished, from the right gate and they will share the other gates with people."(١)

Abu Hurayra, in this tradition, did dare audaciously to defame and disgrace the prophets, whom Allah (S.w.T.) had chosen to spread His missions among His people, in a way that the divine Shari'ah and Sunna denied it completely. The Sunna had a way of glorifying the prophets that made the hearts full of sacred regard and respect and the fronts submit to them. It was the Sunna of the prophet Muhammad (S.) and his holy Qur'an that spread the glories of these prophets (a.s.) all over the universe, on the land, in the sea and filled the ears of the age with praising them.

All what the nations knew about these prophets of glory, which made the eyes submit in front of, and greatness, which made the ambitions cringe and lower their wings meanly before, was by virtue of the Qur'an and Muhammad's Sunna. Without the

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١- This text is according to al-Bukhari in his Sahih, vol.٣ chapter of tafsir Surat Bani Israel, section on offsprings carried with prophet Noah(a.s.), pg.١٠٠. It was mentioned by Muslim in his Sahih, vol.١ chapter of faith, section on intercesion, pg.٩٧ and Ahmed in his Musnad, vol.٢.

infallible Sunna of the Prophet Muhammad (S.) and the holy Qur'an, no one of the later generations would know any thing about these prophets (a.s.) where there was no certain .evidence or a true news or a reasonable narration about them

So Prophet Muhammad (S.) preserved the history of the prophets and the nations and completed, by the Sunna and the Qur'an, the noble characters and the best of morals and manners. He spread the divine laws and the wise systems that were revealed to him from Allah (S.w.T.), which would insure the happiness of the worldly life and the afterlife. They both, the Qur'an and the Sunna, included science, wisdom, politics, the dignity of the life .and the hereafter and preserved the Arabic language until the Day of Resurrection

This tradition of Abu Hurayra, with its prattle and nonsense, was strange and different from the speech of Prophet Muhammad (S.) and too far contrary to the Sunna. It was too far from our Prophet (S.) to ascribe what this tasteless trivial tradition included. Adam (a.s.) was far above disobedience by committing a fault made Allah (S.w.T.) be so angry with him. Allah (S.w.T.) forbade him to go near the tree to exalt and guide him. Glory be to .(.Noah (a.s

He would not curse any people except the enemies of Allah (S.w.T.) in order to be nearer to his god. Abraham was too much honest than to lie! He never did a thing made Allah (S.w.T.) be so angry with

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him. Moses (a.s.) did not kill anyone, whom Allah (S.w.T.) would be so angry for, but he killed someone that had no sanctity or value. Allah (S.w.T.), the most exalted, would not :treat His prophets but with benevolence as He said

.Is the reward of goodness but goodness) ۵۵:۶۰)

The prophets were greater than to think of their God that He became so angry with them that He would never be angry like that neither before nor after. Also Prophet Muhammad .(S.) would never tell about them but praise and glorification

How can people deliberate and intercommunicate in the Day of Resurrection? They are :as Allah (S.w.T.) says

every woman giving suck shall quit in confusion what she suckled, and every pregnant) woman shall lay down her burden, and you shall see men intoxicated, and they shall not be intoxicated but the chastisement of Allah (S.w.T.) will be severe) ۲۲:۲, and

The day on which a man shall fly from his brother, And his mother and his father and his) spouse and his son. Every man of them shall on that day have an affair, which will occupy .him) ۸۰:۳۴-۳۷

How can they, in that difficult situation, go to the prophets, who are, then, on the A'araf (the partition between Paradise and Hell)? What prevents them to go to Prophet Muhammad (S.) first? Is he not of the glorious status, the high rank and the acceptable intercession? No one, then, ignore him. Why doesn't Adam (a.s.) or Noah (a.s.) or Abraham (.(a.s

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or Moses (a.s.) advise them to go to Muhammad (S.) directly? Can't any one of the prophets comfort those poor people at the first they ask for intercession? Do the prophets not know the glorious status of Prophet Muhammad (S.) at that day or do they ?prefer to increase the suffering of those poor believers asking for help

We may ask Abu Hurayra about those poor people: are they from the nation of Muhammad (S.) or from another nation? If they are from the nation of Muhammad (S.), what will prevent them to go to him first to ask for intercession? And if they are from another nation, of course he won't abort their efforts and disappoint them with all his mercy that Allah (S.w.T.) has granted him and has made him the means to intercede between Him and His people. Certainly he will not disappoint them since he is the hope for the desirous and the peace for the scared. He answers the needy with his liberality and .sates the thirsty asker before his echo comes back

Doubt Of Prophets, Criticising Lot(a.s.), Preferring Yousuf (a.s.) to Muhammad (S.) In (١٠ Patience

The two sheikhs mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: "Prophet Muhammad (S.) said: We :(are worthier of doubt than Abraham when he said (as in the holy Qur'an

And when Ibrahim said: My Lord! Show me how Thou givest life to the dead, He said:) .What! And do you not believe? He said: Yes, but that my heart may be at ease) ٢:٢۶٠

May Allah (S.w.T.) have mercy upon Lot (a.s.); he recoursed

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to a strong support. If I stayed in prison as long as Yousuf (Joseph) had stayed, I would (respond to the inviter."(١)

:This tradition was impossible for some reasons

:First: This tradition proved that Abraham (a.s.) was in doubt but Allah (S.w.T.) said

:And certainly We gave to Ibrahim his rectitude before) ٢١:٥١, and)

And thus did We show Ibrahim the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and that he) .might be of those who are sure) ۶:٧۵

Sureness is the best degree of knowledge. He, who is sure of a thing, cannot be in doubt about it. Reason, itself, denies that the prophets, all of them, were in doubt about things. .It is too obvious

:(.As to the saying of Allah (S.w.T

And when Ibrahim said: My Lord! show me how Thou givest life to the dead) ٢:٢۶٠)

It might mean that Abraham (a.s.) asked his God about how to give life to the dead and not about giving life, itself. This wouldn't be, unless the giving of life to the dead was .certain for him

That is to say: using how in a question means to ask about the state of something existed and known for the asker and the asked one. For example: How is Zeid? means that is he all right or sick? And how did Zeid do? means that did he do well or bad? And so his saying (My Lord! show me how Thou givest life to the dead) was but a request to be shown

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Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.٢ chapter of "Beginning of creation", section on prophet -١ Ibrahim and his guests, pg. ١۵٨, Muslim's Sahih, vol.١ chapter of faith section on increase .in peace of heart, pg.٧١ and Ahmed's Musnad, vol.٢

.how what he was certain of-giving life to the dead-would be done

But because of that someone, who didn't know the high status of Abraham (a.s.), might think that this request of Abraham came out from his doubt in the power of Allah (S.w.T.) to give life to the dead, Allah (S.w.T.) wanted to remove this illusion so He said to him: (What! and do you not believe? He said: Yes). Abraham (a.s.) said: "yes" to mean: "I believe in the power of giving life, but I requested that in order to ease my heart when I would see how the dead could be alive again after the separation of its parts in the graves, in the caves, inside the stomachs of the beasts and in the sites of dying in the deserts or in the seas." As if he was eager to see how that would happen so he said (to ease my heart), .which meant to cool his burning thirst by seeing such

This was the meaning of the verse. Whoever ascribed doubt in the power of Allah (S.w.T.) .to Abraham (a.s.), would definitely go astray

Second: It was clear from his saying: "We are worthier than Abraham in doubt." that Prophet Muhammad (S.) and all of the other prophets were in doubt and worthier than .Abraham in that

Suppose that he didn't mean all the prophets, but definitely he meant himself. The text was so clear to show that Prophet Muhammad (S.) was worthier than Abraham in doubt. Glory to Allah

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S.w.T.)! This was a great slander! The consensus and the mental and traditional criteria) .certified the nullity of this tradition

We don't know, I swear by Allah (S.w.T.), why Prophet Muhammad (S.) was worthier than Abraham in doubt, in spite of that Allah (S.w.T.) had granted him what He hadn't granted !Abraham (a.s.) and all the other prophets or the angels

The Prophet Muhammad's guardian, Imam Ali (a.s.), who was the gate of the Prophet's (S.) town of knowledge and was to him as was Aaron to Moses, but there was no prophet after him, said: "If the blind between Allah (S.w.T.) and me was removed, I wouldn't be more sure (than I am sure of Allah (S.w.T.))."(١) That was to say that his faith in Allah (S.w.T.) was at the highest degree and it would not increase because he, really, knew Allah (S.w.T.) very well and he was so sure about Him and his power. Thus was Imam Ali (a.s.), so how about the master of the prophets and the last of them all (peace be upon !(them

Third: in his saying: "May Allah (S.w.T.) have mercy upon Lot (a.s.), he resorted to a strong support" he criticised Lot and accused him of being not so confident in Allah (S.w.T.), where, in fact, Lot (a.s.) wanted to provoke his tribe and relatives and to overcome by his assistants for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.) to order the people to do good deeds and forbid them to do bad deeds. Prophet Muhammad

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١ - This saying of Imam Ali (a.s.) was famous. Al-Bouseiry, the poet, referred to it in his poem: The vizier of his cousin in great deeds, Would be happy if the vizier was a relative, .Removing of the blind added to his sureness nothing, It was the sun without a cover

S.) would never blame Lot or disprove his saying. Prophet Muhammad (S.) would never) think of Lot else than what he deserved as great glorious prophet, but he had warned !that there would be many liars fabricating traditions

Fourth: in his saying: "If I stayed in prison as long as Yousuf (Joseph) stayed, I would respond to the inviter" he preferred, clearly, Yousuf (a.s.) to Prophet Muhammad (S.). This contradicted the consensus, the books of Hadith and what was proved to be a necessity .among the Muslims

If you said that Prophet Muhammad was humble to admire Yousuf's prudence, patience and wisdom in proving his innocence until the truth appeared and he was set free from prison, we would say that it was not possible for the Prophet to say such even in humility, because if he was tried by the same problem of Yousuf, he would be more prudent and patient to clear the truth. How impossible it was for the Prophet (S.) to respond to the inviter by just inviting him to get out of prison and lose the wisdom, which Yousuf (a.s.) preferred when he said to the messenger of the king when set him free from prison as :Allah (S.w.T.) says

Go back to your lord and ask him, what is the case of the women who cut their hands;) surely my Lord knows their guile. He said: How was your affair when you sought Yusuf to yield himself (to you)? They said: Remote is Allah (S.w.T.) (from

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imperfection), we knew of no evil on his part. The chief's wife said: Now has the truth become established: I sought him to yield himself (to me), and he is most surely of the truthful ones) ١٢:٥٠-٥١.

He didn't get out of prison until his innocence shone like the sun without clouds.

So Yousuf (a.s.) was prudent and patient that he didn't try to get out of prison so soon until he got what he wanted. More than that Prophet Muhammad (S.) was prudent, patient, lenient, firm, determined, wise and infallible in all doings and sayings. It was he, who if they put the sun in his right hand and the moon in his left hand in order to give up his mission, would never do.

It would be better for Abu Hurayra to say: Prophet Muhammad (S.) stayed in prison many times as long as Yousuf (a.s.) stayed, he would never beseech anybody to get him out of prison as Yousuf did when

he said to him whom he knew would be delivered of the two: Remember me with your) lord) ١٢:٤٢.

That was to say: describe my morals and manners to the king and tell him about my story that he may have mercy on me and rid me of this trouble

but the Shaitan caused him to forget mentioning (it) to his lord) ١٢:٤٢)

That the Satan made the man forget to mention Yousuf (a.s.) to the king

so he remained in the prison a few years) ١٢:٤٢).

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the man and the stay of Yousuf (a.s.) in prison for some years were a warning for him because he did the unworthier thing. He didn't have to beseech but the mercy of Allah .(S.w.T.). It was mentioned by Prophet Muhammad (S.) as such

Prophet Muhammad (S.) suffered from what was greater

than the trouble of Yousuf's (a.s.) prison and much worse than all what the family of the prophet Jacob (a.s.) suffered. He never became weak or gave in. He didn't beseech but Allah (S.w.T.). He and all his tribe (the Hashimites) were blockaded in the defile for years. They were in an absolute distress. He, his tribe and the believers all were offended too much that no any prophet before him suffered like him. They (the polytheists) clamoured :(.him and his tribe as possible as they could. Here are some of the sayings of Allah (S.w.T

And when those who disbelieved devised plans against you that they might confine you) or slay you or drive you away) ۸:۳۰, and (If you will not aid him, Allah (S.w.T.) certainly aided him when those who disbelieved expelled him, he being the second of the two, when they were both in the cave, when he said to his companion: Grieve not, surely Allah (S.w.T.) is with us. So Allah (S.w.T.) sent down His tranquillity upon him and strengthened him with hosts which you did not see) ۹:۴۰, and

And Allah (S.w.T.) did certainly assist you at Badr when you were few) ۳:۱۲۳)

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and

When you ran off precipitately and did not wait for any one, and the Apostle was calling) you from your rear, so He gave you another sorrow instead of (your) sorrow) ۳:۱۵۳ and

When they came upon you from above you and from below you, and when the eyes) turned dull, and the hearts rose up to the throats, and you began to think diverse thoughts of Allah (S.w.T.). There the believers were tried and they were shaken with severe shaking) ۳۳:۱۰-۱۱ and

and on the day of Hunain, when your great numbers made you vain, but they availed you) nothing and the earth became strait to you notwithstanding its spaciousness, then you turned back retreating. Then Allah (S.w.T.) sent down His tranquillity upon His Apostle and .upon the believers) ۹:۲۵-۲۶

In addition to his other dignified situations, in which he met many griefs, but in all of them he was firmer than the mountains. He met the difficulties with a great heart and a steady soul, so they faded in front of his wide mind and gentle character. He didn't beseech save Allah (S.w.T.) to get him out from distress into easiness. He carried out his affairs by patience and depending upon Allah (S.w.T.). So where were his determination, patience, prudence and wisdom relative to those of Joseph (a.s.), Jacob (a.s.), Isaac (a.s.), Abraham (?(a.s.) and the rest of the prophets (peace be upon them, all

Gold Locusts Falling Down Over Ayyoub (۱۱

The two sheikhs mentioned in many ways a tradition(۱) that Abu Hurayra had

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Refer to al-BuKhari's Sahih , vol. ۱ chapter of "Ghusl", section on making ghusl alone, -۱ pg.۴۲ and vol.۲ chapter of "Beginning of creation", section on when prophet Job(a.s.) called .the lord, pg.۱۶۰

said: "The Prophet said: while Ayyoub (Job) was bathing (in the sea) nakedly, gold locusts fell down over him. He began to collect them in his clothes. His god told him: "Couldn't I make you have no need for this?" He said: "Yes, by Your glory, but I needed Your ".blessing

No one believed this saying except those of no insight or sense. Creating gold locusts was a miracle and an extraordinary thing. Allah (S.w.T.) did not do like that except where there was a necessity. For example, if proving the prophecy depended on a miracle, Allah (S.w.T.) would do to be an evidence for the prophecy and the mission. Allah (S.w.T.) would not create gold locusts in vain to fall down over Ayyoub (a.s.) while he was bathing .nakedly alone

If they fell down over him and he began to collect them in his clothes, it would be a reasonable doing. It would be a gift from Allah (S.w.T.), who favored him with, and it must be thanked by accepting it respectably and not by giving it one's back depreciatingly, .because turning away from it would be ingratitude, which the prophets were far above

If the prophets gathered wealth, they would spend it for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.) to gain His contentment. They would make use of it to carry out their reformative plans. Allah .(S.w.T.) was aware of their intents so He would never blame them for gathering wealth

Criticizing Moses For Burning The Village Of Ants (۱۲

:The two sheikhs mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: "Prophet Muhammad said

An ant pinched one of the prophets (Moses, as said by at-Tarmithi) (۱). He ordered to burn the village of ants and it was burned. Allah (S.w.T.) revealed to him: "Why did you burn one (of the nations that praised Allah (S.w.T.), because an ant had pinched you?" (۲

Abu Hurayra was fond of the prophets. He wandered about every odd disaster, which sored the eyes and blocked the ears. The prophets had longer patience, greater hearts, .and higher statuses than what this dotard told about

Prophet Muhammad's guardian, Imam Ali (a.s.) bin Abu Talib(S.) said in one of his speeches: "I swear by Allah (S.w.T.), if I had been given the seven states with all what was there under their skies to disobey Allah (S.w.T.) by snatching a crust of a barely seed from an ant, I would never do. This worldly life, for me, is cheaper than a leaf in the mouth of a ?"locust crunching it. What had Ali to do with a passing ease and a transient pleasure

Although Imam Ali (a.s.) was not a prophet, but a veracious guardian, his case represented the infallibility of the prophets against what the ignorant ascribed to them. Allah (S.w.T.) did never choose, for His missions, anyone, who would not be far away from those accusations. Glory be to Allah (S.w.T.) and exalted was He above what the idiots !say

I don't know, by Allah (S.w.T.), what the defenders of this tradition would say about this prophet, who tortured the ants with fire, in spite

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Refer to al-Qastalani's book Irshad as-Sari, vol.۶, pg.۲۸۸ -۱

Refer to al-Bukhari's book Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of Jihad, section on narration from - ۲ Yahya bin bakir, pg. ۱۱۴, Muslim's Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of killing snakes, section on forbidding killing ants, pg.۲۶۷, Abu Dawood's al-Adab, Ibn Maja, an-Nassa'ei and Ahmed's .Musnad

of the prophet Muhammad's saying: "No one is to torture with fire but Allah (S.w.T.)."(۱) They agreed unanimously that burning with fire was forbidden for all the animate beings, except that when a man made another man die by burning him with fire, then the dead .man's guardian had the right to burn the doer with fire

Abu Dawood mentioned a true tradition that Ibn Abbas said that the Prophet (S.) had .forbidden killing the ant, the bee, the hoopoe, and the shrike

The Prophet Forgets Two Sections of The Prayer (۱۳

The two sheikhs mentioned a tradition that Abu Hurayra had said: "Prophet Muhammad offered one of the day prayers, I think it was the Asr prayer(۲), in two sections (rak'ah) instead of four and he finished it. Then he stood up and put his hand on a piece of wood that was in the front of the mosque.(۳) Among the people in the mosque were Abu Bakr and Omar, but they feared to ask the Prophet about that. The hurried people left the mosque and asked if the prayer had been lessened. Someone, whom the Prophet called Thul-Yadayn, asked the Prophet: "Did you forget or lessen the prayer?" The Prophet said: "I didn't forget and the prayer wasn't lessened." Thul-Yadayn said: "Yes, you forgot." The Prophet offered two additional rak'ahs, made tassleem (the ending of a prayer), said (Allah (S.w.T.)uakbar (Allah (S.w.T.) is the greatest) and prostrated for forgetting."(۴

:This tradition was untrue for many reasons

First: It was not possible that this forgetting came from someone, who went to prayer

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Refer to an-Nawawi's book Sharh Sahih Muslim, vol. ۱۱, pg.۶, printed in the margins of -۱ .the book Sharh Sahih al-Bukhari

What prudent and cautious Abu Hurayra was! Don't you see that he didn't decide -۲ !certainly it was the Asr prayer and didn't certify his guess

The piety of Abu Hurayra led him to mention even that piece of wood and that the -۳ Prophet put his hand on it, which had nothing to do with the subject of the tradition, but !!because he was so cautious in mentioning the details

Exactly as it was mentioned in al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۱ section on Takbir during Sahw -۴

prostrations, pg.۱۴۵ and in other places of the book. Refer to Muslim's Sahih, vol.۱, section on forgetting in prayers and prostration, pg.۲۱۵ and Ahmed's Musnad, vol.۲, pg.۲۳۴.

with heart and soul. It came from that, who was inattentive in his prayers. The prophets were too far above inattentiveness and too glorious to be defamed by the swindlers. We have not found that such forgetness happened to any of the prophets especially the .(master and the last of them (peace be upon them

I swear by the master of the prophets(S.) that if such forgetness came from me, shame and shyness would occupy me and the followers in prayers, behind me, would make fun of me and of my worship, so how about the prophets, whom Allah (S.w.T.) had chosen to !be the excellent models for people

Second: Prophet Muhammad (S.) said: "I didn't forget and the prayer wasn't lessened." So how would it be for him, after that, to declare that he forgot? Suppose that he was not infallible in forgetting; but his infallibility in regards to being obstinate and imprudent in his .sayings if they were in contradictory to the reality is a must according to all the Muslims

Third: Abu Hurayra was confused in this tradition and his sayings were different. Sometimes he said: "Prophet Muhammad (S.) led us in one of the day prayers; either the Dhuhr (noon) prayer or the Asr (afternoon) prayer." He had doubt between which one of them. Another time he said: "The Prophet led us in the Asr prayer", as if he was certain. In the third he said: "While I was offering the Dhuhr prayer with the Prophet..." These traditions were

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in al-Bukhari and Muslim's Sahihs. Those, who explained the Sahihs, were confused to a degree led them into affectedness and they took upon themselves what they couldn't bear in order to defend these traditions as they did when they refuted the opinion of az-Zuhri when he confirmed that Thul-Yadayn and Thush-shamalayn was the same man.

Fourth: The tradition showed that the Prophet (S.) left his place of praying, stood up and put his hand on a piece of wood in the front the mosque. The hurried people left the mosque and said: "Was the prayer lessened?" Thul-Yadayn said to the Prophet: "Did you forget or lessen the prayer." The Prophet said: "I didn't forget nor lessen the prayer." He said to the Prophet: "Yes, you forgot." Then the Prophet said to his companions: "Was he right?" They said: "Yes, he was."

Another one mentioned by Abu Hurayra that the Prophet (S.) entered the room (of the mosque) and came out then the people returned. All that invalidated the prayer, because according to the Islamic Shari'ah, the prayer is a continuous unit, which can not be interrupted. So how could the Prophet (S.) depend on his first two rak'ahs to complete them by other two rak'ahs to be four, the right number of rak'as for the Dhuhr or Asr prayer?

Fifth: Thul-Yadayn, who was mentioned in the tradition, was the same as Thush-Shamalayn,(۱) Ibn Abd Amr, the ally of the tribe of Zuhra. The two names referred to one person. He was martyred

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۱- His name was Omayr or Amr as mentioned in Ibn Hajar's book al-Issaba.

during the battle of Badr. That was confirmed by the imam of the tribe of Zuhra and the best of those, who knew about their allies, Muhammad bin Muslim az-Zuhri, as it was mentioned by Ibn Abdul-Birr in his book al-Isstee'ab, ibn Hajar in his book al-Issaba, Sharh Sahih Muslim and Sharh Sahih al-Bukhari. Also the same was confirmed by Sufyan ath-Thawri and Abu Haneefa when they considered the tradition as untrue one and gave (fatwas contradicting it.(۱)

An-Nassa'ei declared in his tradition that Thul-Yadayn and Thush-Shamalayn referred to the same person. He said:(۲) ...Thush-Shamalayn ibn Amr said to him (to the Prophet): "Did you lessen the prayer or did you forget?" The Prophet (S.) said: "What did Thul-Yadayn say?" So he confirmed that Thush-Shamalayn was the same as Thul-Yadayn. Clearer than that was a tradition mentioned by Ahmed bin Hanbal(۳) narrated by Abu Salama bin Abdur Rahman and Abu Bakr bin Abu Khaythama that Abu Hurayra had said: "Prophet Muhammad offered the prayer of Dhuhr or Asr in two rak'ahs and finished it by tasleem (saying assalamu alaykum). Thush-Shamalayn bin Abd Amr, the ally of the tribe of Zuhra, said to him: "Did you lessen the prayer or did you forget?" The Prophet (S.) said: ".".What did Thul-Yadayn say?" They said: "He was right

Abu Musa mentioned a tradition narrated by Ja'far al-Mustaghfiri(۴) from Muhammad bin Katheer from al-Awza'ee from az-Zuhri from Sa'eed bin al-Mussayab, Abu Salama and Obaydullah bin Abdullah that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet ended the

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۱- Refer to an-Nawawi's book Sharh Sahih Muslim, vol.۴ pg.۲۳۵, printed in the margins of .al-Qastalani's book Irshad as-Sari and Zakariyya al-Ansari's book Tuhfa

۲- Refer to al-Qastalani's Irshad as-Sari, vol.۳, pg.۲۶۷.

۳- In his book Musnad ,vol.۲۰, pg.۲۷۱ and pg.۲۸۴.

۴- Refer to Ibn Hajar's book al-Issaba, vol.۲۰, pg.۲۷۱ and pg.۲۸۴.

prayer after two rak'ahs instead of four. Abd Amr(١) bin Nadhla, who was from the tribe of Khuza'a and an ally of the tribe of Zuhra, stood up and said to the Prophet (S.): "Did you lessen the prayer or did you forget?"...including the saying of the Prophet (S.) (was Thush-Shamalayn true?)

All these traditions showed clearly that Thul-Yadayn, mentioned in Abu Hurayra's tradition was Thush-Shamalayn ibn Abd Amr, the ally of the tribe of Zuhra. No doubt that Thush-Shamalayn, mentioned above, was killed in the battle of Badr more than five years before Abu Hurayra became a Muslim. His killer was Ossama aj-Jasmi. Ibn Abdul Birr and all of the historians said that. So how could it be possible for Abu Hurayra to meet him in one prayer behind Prophet Muhammad (S.)?!

Some, who defended Abu Hurayra, justified that the companion might narrate about something that he didn't attend either by hearing about it from the Prophet (S.) or from another companion. Hence the death of Thul-Yadayn five years before Abu Hurayra became a Muslim would not prevent Abu Hurayra to narrate the tradition.

This excuse was definitely wrong. Abu Hurayra pretended that he had attended the prayer, and that was confirmed by all those, who mentioned this tradition. Al-Bukhari mentioned the tradition in his Sahih(٢) narrated by Adam bin Shu'ba from Sa'd bin Ibrahim that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) led us in the Dhuhr prayer or Asr prayer...etc."

Muslim mentioned in his Sahih(٣) that Muhammad bin Seereen

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١- As it was mentioned in al-Issaba. Notice he said that the name of Thush-Shamalayn was Abd Amr.

٢- Vol.١, pg.١٤٥.

٣- vol.١, pg.٢١٥.

had said: "I heard Abu Hurayra saying: Prophet Muhammad (S.) led us in one of the day prayers, either the Dhuhr prayer or the Asr prayer…etc."

Imam at-Tahawi was confused about this tradition. He said that it was a true tradition, although he was certain that Thul-Yadayn was Thush-Shamalayn himself, the ally of the tribe of Zuhra, who was martyred in the battle of Badr, five years before Abu Hurayra became a Muslim, so it was impossible for them to be together at one prayer. Hence he was obliged to interpret Abu Hurayra's saying(١) as the following: "The Prophet led us in prayer (metaphorically) that he meant: he led the Muslims in prayer."

The answer for their excuse was that Abu Hurayra confirmed his definite attendance in a way, which could not be interpreted here and there. Muslim mentioned a tradition in his Sahih(٢) that Abu Hurayra had said: "While I was offering the Dhuhr prayer with Prophet Muhammad (S.), he ended the prayer after two rak'as…etc." What about this saying? Was it possible to look for excuses to defend it? Certainly not! But we were afflicted with those, who never ponder! We do not have but Allah (S.w.T.) to resort to!

Prophet Muhammad (S.) Hurt, Whipped, Abused And Cursed Innocent People (١۴

The two sheikhs mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: "Prophet Muhammad (S.) said: O Allah (S.w.T.), Muhammad is not but a human being. He becomes angry like the other human beings. I had a promise with You that You would not break it. Every believer I hurt, abused, cursed or

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١- Refer to al-Qastalani's book Irshad as-Sari, vol.٣,pg.٢۶۶.

٢- vol.١, pg.٢١۶.

(whipped, let it be expiation for his guilt and a cause for making him closer to You."(۱)

It was not probable for Prophet Muhammad (S.) and all the prophets to hurt, whip, abuse or curse anyone, who did not deserve that whether they were comfortable or angry. In fact they never became angry in vain save for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.). Glory be to Allah (S.w.T.). He is far above than to send prophets, who would be moved by anger to whip, curse, abuse or hurt innocent people. The prophets were far above every saying or doing would conflict with their infallibility or with all what would not be fit for the prudent and the .wise

The pious and the obscene, the believer and the unbeliever knew well that hurting, whipping, abusing or cursing an innocent one was ugly injustice and frank transgression, which the believers denied. Then how would it be probable for the master of the prophets to do such? The Prophet (S.) said:(۲) "Abusing a Muslim is transgression." Abu Hurayra said:(۳) "It was said to the Prophet (S.): "O messenger of Allah (S.w.T.), you may curse the hypocrites." He said: "I had not been sent (by Allah (S.w.T.)) to be a curser but as mercy for ".people

Thus he was with the hypocrites, how would he be with the innocent believers? He (S.) said:(۴) "The cursers will never be intercessors or witnesses in the Day of Resurrection." .Abdullah bin Amr said:(۵) "The Prophet (S.) wasn't impolite or dishonest

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۱- Mentioned by Muslim in his book Sahih, vol.۲ section on whoever the Prophet (S.) has cursed, pg.۳۹۲, al-Bukhari in his Sahih, vol.۴ chapter of supplication, section on Prophet (S.) .saying whoever I hurt, pg. ۷۱ and Ahmed in his Musnad, vol.۲, pg.۲۴۳

۲- .Mentioned in al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol. ۴ section on forbidden cursing, pg. ۳۹

۳- .Refer to Muslim's Sahih, vol.۲ section on cursing animals is forbidden, pg.۳۹۳

۴- .In Muslim's Sahih, vol.۲, pg.۳۹۳

۵- .Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol. ۴ section on good manners, pg. ۳۸

He (the Prophet) said: "The best of you are those, who are high-minded." Anass bin Malik said:(١) "The Prophet (S.) wasn't impolite, a curser or an abuser." Abu Tharr(٢) said to his brother when he had heard about the Prophet (S.): "Ride to that valley and try to hear from him." When his brother came back, he said to him: "I found him ordering noble ".characters

Abdullah bin Amr said: "I wrote down everything I heard from the Prophet (S.) in order to memorize it. Some people of Quraysh forbade me to do that and said: "Do you write everything you hear from the Prophet whereas he talks whether he is comfortable or angry?" I told the Prophet (S.) about that. He pointed to his mouth with his finger and said: "Write down! I swear by Him, in Whose hand my soul is, that nothing comes out of it (his mouth) but rightness." Amr bin Shu'ayb said that his father had said that his grandfather had said: "Do I write down whatever I hear from you?" He said: "Yes, you do." I said: "Comfortable or angry you are?" He said: "Yes, because I don't say at all save (rightness."(٣

Someone asked Aa'isha (the Prophet's (S.) wife) about the morals of Prophet Muhammad (S.). She said to him: "Did you read the Qur'an?" He said: "Yes, I did." She said: "The Qur'an ".was his morals

What a word it was that indicated her eloquence and knowledge of the very morals of the

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.Sahih of al-Bukhari, vol. ۴ section on forbidden cursing, pg.٣٩ -١

.ibid, vol.۴ pg.٣٨ -٢

.Refer to Ibn Abdul-Birr's book Jami' Bayan al-Ilm, pg.٣۶ -٣

Prophet (S.). No wonder! She saw him, with the Qur'an in front of his eyes, imitating its guidance, seeking light in its sciences, worshipping according to its orders and forbids, being well-mannered with its ethics, being disposed for its wisdom, following its :(.influences and tracking its suras. You can see his morals in these sayings of Allah (S.w.T

And those who speak evil things of the believing men and the believing women without) their having earned (it), they are guilty indeed of a false accusation and a manifest sin) ,۳۳:۵۸

And those who, shun the great sins and indecencies, and whenever they are angry they) ,forgive) ۴۲:۳۷

and those who restrain (their) anger and pardon men; and Allah (S.w.T.) loves the doers) ,of good (to others)) ۳:۱۳۴

,and when the ignorant address them, they say: Peace) ۲۵:۶۳)

,Take to forgiveness and enjoin good and turn aside from the ignorant) ۷:۱۹۹)

Repel (evil) with what is best, when lo! he between whom and you was enmity would be) ,as if he were a warm friend) ۴۱:۳۴

,and you shall speak to men good words) ۲:۸۳)

,and avoid false words) ۲۲:۳۰)

and do not exceed the limits; surely Allah (S.w.T.) does not love those who exceed the) ,limits) ۵:۸۷

And what reason have we that we should not rely on Allah (S.w.T.)? And He has indeed) guided us in our ways; and certainly we would bear with patience your persecution of us; ,and on Allah (S.w.T.) should the reliant rely) ۱۴:۱۲

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you shall certainly hear from those who have been given the Book before you and from those who are polytheists much annoying talk; and if you are patient and guard (against ,evil), surely this is one of the affairs (which should be) determined upon) ۳:۱۸۶

And be kind to him who follows you of the believers) ۲۶:۲۱۵)

Thus it is due to mercy from Allah (S.w.T.) that you deal with them gently, and had you) been rough, hard hearted, they would certainly have dispersed from around you; pardon them therefore and ask pardon for them, and take counsel with them in the affair; so .when you have decided, then place your trust in Allah (S.w.T.))۳:۱۵۹

These were the morals of Prophet Muhammad (S.) and his relationship with the believers and other than the believers. He said: "The real man is he, who can control himself when becomes angry."(۱) "He, who has no kindness, will be deprived of welfare."(۲) "If kindness is added to a thing, it will become beautiful and if it is deprived of a thing, it will become ugly."(۳) "Allah (S.w.T.) is kind. He loves kindness and gifts people for their kindness what He doesn't gift for violence or anything else."(۴) "The real Muslim is he, from whose tongue and hand people are in safe."(۵) It is enough for us the saying of Allah (S.w.T.) : (.addressing Prophet Muhammad (S

.And most surely you conform (yourself) to sublime morality) ۶۸:۴)

After that, how would it be probable for Prophet

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.Refer to Muslim's Sahih, vol.۲, pg.۳۹۶ -۱
.ibid. vol.۲, pg.۳۹۰ -۲
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.Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۱, pg.۶ -۵

Muhammad (S.) to curse, abuse, whip and hurt just because he became angry? Allah !(S.w.T.) forbid

They have not estimated Allah (S.w.T.) with the estimation that is due to Him) ۲۲:۷۴, (but) patience is good and Allah (S.w.T.) is He Whose help is sought for against what you .describe) ۱۲:۱۸

In fact this tradition was fabricated during the reign of Mu'awiya. Abu Hurayra flattered Mu'awiya and the family of Abul-Aass and the rest of the Umayyads by this tradition and to suspend other traditions, in which it was proved that the Prophet (S.) had cursed a number of the Umayyad hypocrites and oppressors, who (hindered (people) from Allah (S.w.T.)'s way and seek to make it crooked), to mark them with eternal disgrace and to make people know that they were far away from Allah (S.w.T.) and His Prophet (S.). Thus, Islam and the umma would be in safe from their hypocrisy and ravage. It was an admonition by the Prophet (S.) for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.), His book, the leaders and the .common Muslims

Once the Prophet (S.) had seen in a dream that the family of al-Hakam bin Abul-Aass were leaping on his minbar like monkeys and hindering people backward. After that he was never seen smiling until he died.(۱) Allah (S.w.T.) revealed to the Prophet (S.) a verse :of the Qur'an, which was recited by the Muslims day and night, talking about that

and We did not make the vision which We showed you but a trial for men)

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.Refer to al-Hakim's Mustadrak, vol.۴, pg.۴۸۰ -۱

and the cursed tree in the Qur'an as well; and We cause them to fear, but it only adds to .their great inordinacy) ١٧:۶٠

The cursed tree, mentioned in the Qur'an, was the Umayyad family. Allah (S.w.T.) revealed to the Prophet (S.) that they would occupy his position, kill his progeny and ravage the umma. Because of that he wasn't seen smiling until he joined the Most High Mate. It was one of the signs of his prophecy and Islam. There were many true traditions, .especially by the infallible imams, talking about this event

The Prophet (S.) declared the matter of these hypocrites that

he who would perish might perish by clear proof, and he who would live might live by) clear proof), (and nothing is incumbent on the apostle but a plain delivering (of the .((message

Once al-Hakam bin Abul-Aass asked permission to meet the Prophet (S.). The Prophet knew him by his voice. He said:(١) "Permit him to come in! Curse be upon him and upon every one of his offspring except the believers(٢) of them and what a few they will be! They will be honourable in the worldly life and mean in the afterlife. They are full of cunning and deceit. They are given every thing in this life but they will have no share of ".good in the hereafter

The Prophet (S.) said:(٣) "If the family of Abul-Aass becomes thirty men, they will divide the wealth of the Muslims among them, make people slaves for them and distort

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.ibid. vol.۴,pg.۴٨١ -١

This poor believer had no chance, according to Abu Hurayra's tradition, to be near to -٢ Allah (S.w.T.) or to get a share of mercy, where the Prophet (S.) excluded him from this curse, whereas the defenders of Abu Hurayra preferred that he wouldn't be excluded and hoped if the Prophet (S.) had cursed them and their fathers to be as a penance for !(.their guilts and a cause to make them near to Allah (S.w.T

.Refer to al-Hakim's Mustadrak, vol.۴, pg.۴٨٠ -٣

".the religion of Allah (S.w.T.) according to their interests

He also said: "If the Umayyads become forty men, they will make people as slaves, take the wealth of the Muslims as their properties and distort the Qur'an to serve their (interests."(١

When a Muslim had a newborn baby, he would bring him to the Prophet (S.) to pray for him. When Marwan bin al-Hakam was born, they brought him to the Prophet (S.). The Prophet (S.) said: "Take out this gecko and the son of a gecko, the cursed and the son of (the cursed."(٢

Aa'isha (the Prophet's (S.) wife) said: "The Prophet (S.) cursed the father of Marwan and (Marwan was not yet born. So Marwan was included in the curse of Allah (S.w.T.)."(٣

Ash-Shi'bi said that Abdullah bin az-Zubayr had said: "The Prophet cursed al-Hakam ((Marwan's father) and his sons."(۴

The books of Hadith mentioned these recurrent traditions and others like them. They confirmed that the Umayyads were cursed by the Prophet (S.). Al-Hakim mentioned in his Mustadrak, in the chapter of al-Fitan wal-Malahim (seditions and braveries) enough traditions of this kind, which were a good message for the prudent to ponder about. He concluded the chapter by saying: "Let the researcher for the truth know that I didn't mention in this chapter one third of what were narrated in this concern. The first sedition in this umma was their (Umayyads) sedition. I couldn't end the book without mentioning (them."(۵

This was enough to prove what we had said that they

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.ibid. vol.۴, pg.۴٧٩ -١

.ibid. vol.۴, pg.۴٧٩ -٢

.ibid. vol.۴, pg.۴٨١ -٣

.Refer to al-Hakim's Mustadrak, vol.۴, pg.۴٨١ -۴

vol.۴, pg.۴٨١. It was clear from his speech that he was afraid of the common people (the -۵ Sunni Public) to deny the traditions he mentioned, but apologized to them that he couldn't

end his book without mentioning them. Then I knew what the poet meant by his saying: .The Muslims were not Muhammad's umma, but they were his enemy's umma

fabricated this tradition and others like it to suspend those curses delivered by the Prophet (S.) upon them. But unfortunately the public preferred those cursed hypocrites to their Prophet (S.) unconsciously, when they defended this superstition to preserve the fame of those cursed ones. They didn't pay any attention that they did wrong to the .(.Prophet (S

The umma didn't have to conserve the dignity of those, whom the Prophet (S.) had cursed and exiled for their corruption. The umma lost, by doing that, the benefit, which the Prophet (S.) wanted to them by cursing and exiling those hypocrites, who trundled the rocks in the night of (al-Aqaba) to startle the Prophet (S.) and to throw him down when he was coming back from the battle of Tabouk. It was a true long tradition, in which it was (mentioned that the Prophet (S.) cursed them at that time.(۱

It was too odd of the Muslims to defend those people, who caused many agonies to the Prophet (S.) and tried their best to revenge! They hurt him and hurt his family after his death.(۲) The Prophet (S.) cursed them to dismiss them from the mercy of Allah (S.w.T.) and to make the believers avoid them because of what they committed and what they !would commit, and not to make them be near to Allah (S.w.T.) as the distorters said

Satan Comes To Disturb The Prophet's (S.) Prayers (۱۵

The two sheikhs mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) offered one of his prayers and said: "The Satan came upon trying his

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.Refer to Ahmed's Musnad, vol.۲ -۱

Az-Zubayr bin Bukar mentioned a case happened in Damascus between Imam Hassan -۲ (a.s.) and his opponents; Mu'awiya, his brother Otba, Ibnul-Aass, ibn Oqba and ibn Shu'ba. The argument between them was so strong. Something of what Imam Hassan had said then was: "You know well that the Prophet (S.) cursed Abu Sufyan (Mu'awiya's father) in seven situations that you cannot deny." He mentioned them all one after the other and then said to Amr bin al-Aass: "You and all these people know well that you satirized the Prophet (S.) with seventy verses of poetry and the Prophet (S.) said: O Allah (S.w.T.), You know that I don't say poetry and I won't do. O Allah (S.w.T.), curse him for

every letter of his poem a thousand curses, so there are countless curses from Allah (S.w.T.) upon you." Refer to Sharh an-Nahj al-Hameedi, vol.۲, pgs.۱۰۱-۱۰۴, at-Tabrasi in his book al-Ihtijaj, al-Majlisi in his Bihar, and others, Sunni and Shia. Muslim mentioned in his Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of those whom the Prophet had cursed, pg.۳۹۲ that ibn Abbas said: "The Prophet (S.) asked me to call Mu'awiya to come. I came back and said to the Prophet (S.): He is eating. He said: Go and call him! I came back and said: He is eating. The Prophet (S.) said: Let Allah (S.w.T.) not satiate his stomach!" In our books (Shia books) concerning this tradition it was mentioned that Ibn Abbas said that the Prophet (S.) had cursed Mu'awiya then. What proved it that Muslim mentioned this tradition in the chapter of (those, who were cursed by the Prophet) in his book Sahih, but they distorted the .traditions to preserve the dignity of those hypocrites

best to interrupt my prayer. Allah (S.w.T.) helped me that I could throttle him. I wanted to tie him to a pole that you would see him in the morning, but I remembered Solomon's :(a.s.) saying

My Lord! do Thou forgive me and grant me a kingdom which is not fit for (being inherited) (by) anyone after me) ٣٨:٣۵."(١)

The prophets were far above that and away from it because it contradicted their infallibility and defamed their dignity and high status. Allah (S.w.T.) forbid! Could the Satan struggle with the prophets or disturb them or even think of that? Allah (S.w.T.) said :addressing the Satan

Surely. as regards My servants, you have no authority over them except those who) .follow you of the deviators) ١۵:۴٢

All the Muslims knew that the Satan was distracted by the birth of Prophet Muhammad (S.), astonished by delegating him as Prophet, stunned by his hegira, became inapt by his rise with the mission, melted like the salt in the water by his guidance, laws and systems, fled like a ray from his prayer, in which Allah (S.w.T.) had put maxims and secrets that .made it (the prayer) prevent from committing atrocities and abominable deeds

When the Prophet (S.) stood up for the prayer, he gave up everything and divested his soul of every thing save Allah (S.w.T.). He offered his prayer with a calm heart in slavery to the oneness of Him, the One and Only. If he began his prayer by saying (Allah (S.w.T.) uakbar), he

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Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih: vol.١, pg.١۴٣- section on what is allowed during prayers, - ١ Muslim's Sahih: vol.١, pg.٢٠۴- section on cursing Satan in prayers is permitted, and .Ahmed's Musnad: vol.٢, pg.٢٩٨

would seek protection of Allah (S.w.T.) from the Satan before reciting Qur'anic verses in :(.obedience to the saying of Allah (S.w.T

So when you recite the Qur'an, seek refuge with Allah (S.w.T.) from the accursed Shaitan)) .۱۶:۹۸

Of course, when he asked protection of Allah (S.w.T.) from the Satan, Allah (S.w.T.) would !grant him that. The Satan knew well this fact even if the dotards ignored it

Abu Hurayra narrated a tradition(۱) saying that if the Satan heard the athan (the call for prayers) from any Muslim, he would flee scaredly and would (fart) because of terror. So how would the Satan dare to come to the Prophet (S.), who devoted to Allah (S.w.T.), stood in front of Him in a loyal praying and asked His protection? How impossible it was! :Allah (S.w.T.) said

Surely he (the Shaitan) has no authority over those who believe and rely on their Lord.) His authority is only over those who befriend him and those who associate others with .Him) ۱۶:۹۹-۱۰۰

:If you say: "What do you say about this Qur'anic verse

And if an interference of the Shaitan should cause you mischief, seek refuge in Allah) ".(S.w.T.); surely He is the Hearing, the Knowing) ۴۱:۳۶

We say: "Allah (S.w.T.), the Almighty, had educated His beloved Muhammad (S.) with morals, by which He preferred him to the entire universe that every prophet, angel, devil and human being submitted to his politeness and surrendered to his morals. There was no order in the Qur'an, unless he obeyed and no

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Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۱ chapter of call to prayers, section on virtue of call to -۱ .prayers, pg. ۷۸ and Muslim's Sahih, vol.۱, pg.۱۵۳

forbid, unless he complied with or a maxim, unless he put it in his mind. The Qur'an was before his eyes. He tracked its purposes and followed its suras. The verse above :concerned his politeness and morals, as well as the verses before it in the same sura

Repel (evil) with what is best, when lo! he between whom and you was enmity would be) as if he were a warm friend. And none are made to receive it but those who are patient .and none are made to receive it but those who have a mighty good fortune) ۴۱:۳۴-۳۵

This was the best of morals, with which Allah (S.w.T.) had educated his slave and Prophet (S.). He, really, was so since the beginning of his mission when he said while blood was flowing on his face and beard: "O Allah (S.w.T.), guide my people for they don't know (the truth)", until his caller cried in the day of Fat-h (victory) when he conquered Mecca and he was at the last days of his life that whoever entered the house of Abu Sufyan, would be .safe

Allah (S.w.T.) had evened all the ways to make His Prophet (S.) bear these morals, which made the necks bow to the glory of his characters and the honour of his manners. Allah (S.w.T.) not only made him bear these morals, but also let him long to them until he :reached the highest status and being lucky with these morals. So Allah (S.w.T.) said

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are made to receive it but those who are patient and none are made to receive it but .those who have a mighty good fortune) ۴۱:۳۵

Then Allah (S.w.T.) warned him from an incitement of anger, which He had molded the human beings with, and wrath of heart when one was hurt by his enemy. Allah (S.w.T.) called that as incitement or interference of the Satan, metaphorically, to make the :Prophet (S.) avoid it and be far above it. So Allah (S.w.T.) said

And if an interference of the Shaitan should cause you mischief, seek refuge in Allah) .(S.w.T.); surely He is the Hearing, the Knowing) ۴۱:۳۶

It meant that if an incitement to anger, which might be like the satanic temptations, would make you uncomfortable or impatient then you (seek refuge in Allah (S.w.T.)). In the same :(.concern was this saying of Allah (S.w.T

Take to forgiveness and enjoin good and turn aside from the ignorant.. And if a false) imputation from the Shaitan afflict you, seek refuge in Allah (S.w.T.); surely He is Hearing, .Knowing) ۷:۱۹۹-۲۰۰

Allah (S.w.T.) wanted to keep His beloved away from the ignorant, who saw the evidences but they denied them and went too far in their unbelief, so He ordered him to avoid them. And for more carefulness in educating and preferring the Prophet (S.) to all the human beings, Allah (S.w.T.) warned him not to bear any grudge or spite in his heart when the ignorant attacked him with their foolishness and

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.abusiveness

Allah (S.w.T.) called this natural emotion as incitement or interference of the Satan, in metaphor, to make His prophet avoid it and to shun it, because Prophet Muhammad (S.) didn't shun anything more than his shunning the Satan and the deeds that were like the Satan's. Allah (S.w.T.) wanted, by saying this verse, to tell the Prophet (S.) to be patient .when facing the foolishness of the ignorant and not to be angry with them

So where was this meaning in what Abu Hurayra said that the Satan attacked the Prophet (S.) to interrupt his prayer, which was unacceptable according to the mental and ?traditional regards

:If you said: What about these Qur'anic verses

And We did not send before you any apostle or prophet, but when he desired, the) Shaitan made a suggestion respecting his desire; but Allah (S.w.T.) annuls that which the Shaitan casts, then does Allah (S.w.T.) establish His communications, and Allah (S.w.T.) is Knowing, Wise. So that He may make what the Shaitan casts a trial for those in whose hearts is disease and those whose hearts are hard; and most surely the unjust are in a great opposition. And that those who have been given the knowledge may know that it is .the truth from your Lord) ٢٢:۵٢-۵۴

It was well-known, as necessity of Islam, that Prophet Muhammad (S.) and all the other prophets (a.s.) would not hope anything that Allah (S.w.T.) disagreed with. The prophets (.were far away from hoping anything that didn't please Allah (S.w.T

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.and didn't benefit people

Prophet Muhammad (S.) hoped that every one, anywhere on earth, to believe and be faithful to Allah (S.w.T.). The Satan, by his tricks and temptation, distorted this hope and tempted people like Abu Lahab (the Prophet's (S.) uncle) and Abu Jahl, who were obsessed by him, and led them away from what the Prophet (S.) hoped for them to gain the good of this life and the afterlife. But the Satan tempted them until they fought the .Prophet (S.) to get rid of him

The Prophet (S.) hoped for every Muslim, to be sincere to Allah (S.w.T.), His Qur'an, His Prophet (S.) and to all people in a way that what their hearts believe in is like what their tongues say and what they say in secret is like what they say in public. The Satan seduced some people and confused their minds by distorting this blessed hope, hence they .became hypocrites

The Prophet (S.) hoped every one of his umma to imitate his own straight method, not to deviate from his holy Sunna. All what he hoped that the whole umma would agree to guidance and to be conducted according to his orders and forbids and no two of them would be in disagreement. But the Satan whispered evil to them and deceived them to be away from the Sunna. Thus the one umma divided into many sects. The accursed deceptive Satan tried his best to distort all what the prophet hoped for people and made those, who

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.were tempted by him, turn away from the Prophet (S.) and his hopes

Those, who were deluded by the false of the Satan, were many. He prepared his snares and traps for them and stood ready to show them the rightness, by his temptation, as false and the false as rightness. He used every trick to distort the Prophet's (S.) hopes and .to lead people away from him

All that harmed the Prophet (S.) and made him uncomfortable and always in fear of people from the deceptive Satan. He was afraid that the heresies and delusions might defeat the rightness. Because of that Allah (S.w.T.) comforted and eased him by revealing :to him

And We did not send before you any apostle or prophet, but when he desired, the) .Shaitan made a suggestion respecting his desire) ۲۲:۵۲

It meant that when every prophet hoped a desire for the private or general benefit, the Satan would distort his desire by tempting and deceiving people to drive them away from the prophets and their missions. All of the prophets hoped that all people anywhere on the earth to be faithful to Allah (S.w.T.). They hoped that the believers were to have real sincerity to Allah (S.w.T.). The best desire of theirs was to see their nations in agreement on their guidance and not any two of them to be in disagreement. But the Satan fought their desires by deceiving people and reversing the facts. Hence the nation of Moses (a.s.) ,divided into seventy-one sects

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the nation of Jesus divided into seventy-two sects and so on for the nations of the rest of the prophets. O Muhammad, don't worry so much about the defeat of your holy hopes in many times by the Satan because the previous prophets' hopes had faced the same fate. .So you and they are the same in this matter

This is Our) course with regard to those of Our apostles whom We sent before you, and) .you shall not find a change in Our course) ١٧:٧٧

Since Prophet Muhammad (S.) was afraid that the heresies of the Satan might prevail over the rightness, Allah (S.w.T.) assured him when He said: (but Allah (S.w.T.) annuls that which the Shaitan casts) at your hopes and the hopes of the previous prophets. But Allah (S.w.T.) presaged him that the rightness, he and the previous prophets brought from their :god, would dominate. Allah (S.w.T.) said

then does Allah (S.w.T.) establish His communications) and)

And Allah (S.w.T.) will show the truth to be the truth by His words, though the guilty may) be averse (to it)) ١٠:٨٢ and

as for the scum, it passes away as a worthless thing; and as for that which profits the) .people, it tarries in the earth; thus does Allah (S.w.T.) set forth parables) ١٣:١٧

Allah (S.w.T.) wanted to make the Prophet (S.) be quite sure that the prophets would win and the Satan would be defeated. He said: (and Allah (S.w.T.) is Knowing, Wise). He knew the loyalty of the prophets

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in their desires, therefore He assisted them with Holy Spirit and put them in their honoured status and He knew the enmity of the Satan towards Allah (S.w.T.) and His apostles. Surely Allah (S.w.T.) would disgrace the Satan for his evil deeds according to wisdom that to honour those, who deserved honour and to disgrace those, who deserved .disgrace for wisdom was to put things in their suitable places

Allah (S.w.T.) wanted to distinguish the wicked and the good among His people so that He tried them by the Satan (He may make what the Shaitan casts a trial for those in whose hearts is disease) because of hypocrisy (and those whose hearts are hard) which didn't become tender by mentioning Allah (S.w.T.) and what He had revealed because their hearts were seized by unbelief that the Satan seduced them with and took them away from belief and guidance (and most surely the unjust) of hypocrites and unbelievers (are .(.in a great opposition) to Allah (S.w.T.) and His Prophet (S

Their eyes didn't see the truth, their ears became deaf and their hearts were overcome by the Satan. They cawed whenever there was an evil cawer. (And that those who have been given the knowledge may know) of the oneness of Allah (S.w.T.), His wisdom and His sending apostles (that it is the truth from your Lord so they may believe in it) without .paying any attention to the Satan or to his frightening and misleading

When Allah (S.w.T.) tried people to

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distinguish between the wicked and the good, the hearts of the (hard hearted) wicked became harder and the believers became stronger in their faith and certainty. Allah :(S.w.T.) said

Do men think that they will be left alone on saying, We believe, and not be tried? And) certainly We tried those before them, so Allah (S.w.T.) will certainly know those who are true and He will certainly know the liars) ٢٩:٢-٣ and

On no account will Allah (S.w.T.) leave the believers in the condition which you are in until) He separates the evil from the good) ٣:١٧٩ and

.And that He may purge those who believe and deprive the unbelievers of blessings) ٣:١۴١)

No wonder that Allah (S.w.T.) would try people by different kinds of afflictions and :distresses to have the excuse to reward or punish them. Allah (S.w.T.) said

Then Allah (S.w.T.)'s is the conclusive argument; so if He please, He would certainly guide) you all) ۶:١۴٩ and (that he who would perish might perish by clear proof, and he who would .live might live by clear proof) ٨:۴٢

Let go back to the same verse

And We did not send before you any apostle or prophet, but when he desired, the) .(Shaitan made a suggestion respecting his desire

It didn't mean that the Satan cast his evil into the Prophet's (S.) heart (Allah (S.w.T.) forbid!) but it did mean that the Satan cast his evil into the desire of the Prophet (S.) by distorting it to make his followers (the

Satan's followers), who cawed with him, turn their backs to what the Prophet (S.) hoped in order that the hope not to be realised.

This was, definitely, the meaning of the verse, which stroke the mind, although no one of the interpreters or any other-as I know-mentioned it. I wonder how they missed it whereas it was the most suitable to the holy Qur'an, to the Prophet Muhammad (S.) and to the all other prophets (peace be upon them). It couldn't be interpreted in any way other than that at all.(۱)

Let us return to the tradition of Abu Hurayra: (The Prophet (S.) offered one of his prayers and said: The Satan came upon trying his best to interrupt my prayer. Allah (S.w.T.) helped me that I could throttle him. I wanted to tie him to a pole that you would see him in the morning, but I remembered Solomon's saying:

My Lord! do Thou forgive me and grant me a kingdom which is not fit for (being inherited) (by) anyone after me) ۳۸:۳۵.

I would like to ask the two sheikhs, who respected and defended Abu Hurayra's traditions: did the Satan have a physical frame that could be tied to a pole as bound captive to be seen by people in the morning? I don't think any one would say that.

What encouraged Abu Hurayra to say that was the failure of his mind to perceive the meanings of the holy Qur'an. He thought that some of the Qur'anic verses sensed something

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۱- I mentioned this interpretation in al-Irfan magazine, vol.۳۱, pg.۱۱۳ and the pages after.

:like that when he heard the saying of Allah (S.w.T.) talking about Solomon

Then We made the wind subservient to him; it made his command to run gently) wherever he desired and the shaitans, every builder and diver and others fettered in .chains) ۳۸-۳۶-۳۸

He thought that they were fettered in chains like the human beings. He didn't perceive that they were fettered according to their satanic world with chains corresponding with their satanic nature to prevent them from ravaging whereas no one of the human beings .could see them

Abu Hurayra said in his tradition that the prophet Muhammad (S.) had set the Satan free, .because he had hated to have a kingdom like that of Solomon

But Abu Hurayra forgot that Allah (S.w.T.) had given Solomon a kingdom, in which He subjected for him the wind, which made a month's journey in the morning and a month's journey in the evening. Allah (S.w.T.) made a fountain of molten copper to flow out for Solomon and (of the jinn there were those who worked before him by the command of his Lord; and whoever turned aside from Our command from among them, We made him .(taste of the punishment of burning

The jinn made for Solomon (a.s.) fortresses, sculptures, bowls and cooking pots. Allah (S.w.T.) had given Solomon (a.s.) what He had not given to Prophet Muhammad (S.). Even if Prophet Muhammad (S.) fettered Abu Hurayra's Satan, he would not be equal to Solomon (a.s.) in his kingdom, for Solomon

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still had the peculiarity of the wind, the flowing of molten copper and the working of the .jinn

The justification Abu Hurayra gave was invalid and his tradition was untrue. The Prophet (S.) would never confuse the senses or astound the feelings. The Prophet (S.) depended on reason in his arguments and in everything. He made reason be the judge between the right and the wrong and made the validity of the evidences be in accordance with the holy Qur'an, which he ordered us to follow

Is he who goes prone upon his face better guided or he who walks upright upon a) .straight path?) ۶۷:۲۲

The Prophet Misses The Fajr (Dawn) Prayer (۱۶

The two sheikhs mentioned(۱) that Abu Hurayra had said: "We travelled in the night with the Prophet (S.) and slept at a late time. We didn't wake up until the sun rose. The Prophet (S.) said: "Let every one lead his sumpter and move from here. It is a place attended by the Satan." We did. Then he asked for some water to do wudu'.(۲) He did two prostrations ".then he offered the prayer in the morning

The guidance of Prophet Muhammad (S.) was far above such a tradition. Allah (S.w.T.) :said

O you, who have wrapped up in your garments! Rise to pray in the night except a little,) half of it or lessen it a little or add to it and recite the Qur'an as it ought to be recited) ۷۳:۱-۴ :until He said

Surely your Lord knows that you pass in prayer nearly)

۱- This is quoted from Muslim's Sahih: vol.۱, pg.۲۵۴., section on making up missed prayers.
۲- Ritual ablution as prerequisite to offer the prayer.

.two…thirds of the night, and (sometimes) half of it) ۷۳:۲۰

Allah (S.w.T.) addressed the Prophet (S.) in another saying: (Keep up prayer from the declining of the sun till the darkness of the night and the morning recitation;(۱) surely the morning recitation is witnessed. And during a part of the night, pray Tahajjud beyond what is incumbent on you; maybe your Lord will raise you to a position of great glory) .۱۷:۷۸-۷۹

Allah (S.w.T.) asked the Prophet (S.) to pray in the night moreover than the five prayers, which were obligatory for all of the Muslims, while the night prayer (nafila) was obligatory :for the Prophet alone. Allah (S.w.T.) said

And rely on the Mighty, the Merciful, who sees you when you stand up and your turning) .over and over among those who prostrate themselves before Allah (S.w.T.)) ۲۶:۱۷-۱۹

It did mean that Allah (S.w.T.) saw you when you stood up to worship Him in the night when there was no one seeing you except Him and saw your doings among the believers :when you led them in offering the prayers. Also Allah (S.w.T.) said addressing him

and say the praise of your Lord before the rising of the sun and before the setting and) .glorify Him in the night and after the prayers) ۵۰:۳۹-۴۰

He offered prayers all the night and he hanged his chest with a rope in order not to feel sleepy(۲). He kept on standing up, sitting and prostrating until his feet swelled(۳). Then Gabriel said to him

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۱- Allah (S.w.T.) made this verse to show the time of the prayers. Thuhr (noon) and Asr (afternoon) prayers participated in the time from the noon until the sunset but the Thuhr prayer was to be before the Asr prayer. The Maghrib (sunset) and Isha' (night) prayers participated in the time from the sunset until the darkness of the night but the Maghrib prayer was to be before the Isha' prayer. Allah (S.w.T.) also mentioned the Fajr (dawn) prayer in the verse to declare that these prayers were obligatory and to declare the time .of offering them

۲- As mentioned in the book Majma'ul Bayan, in the interpretation of the verse of (Taha).

.It was narrated by Qatada

Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.١ section on worship of Prophet (S.), pg. ١٣۵. Refer to al- -٣
.Kashshaf, when interpreting the verse of Taha

from Allah (S.w.T.)): "Take care of yourself. It has to be cared by you." Then he revealed) :to him

TaHa. We have not revealed the Qur'an to you that you may be unhappy. Nay, it is a) .reminder to him who fears) ۲۰:۱-۳

The verse meant that: We didn't reveal to you the holy Qur'an in order to tire yourself with worshipping, but we revealed it to be a reminder to him, who fears Allah (S.w.T.). So .take care of yourself and don't burden yourself with more than you can bear

Al-Bukhari assigned particular chapters in his Sahih for the Prophet's (S.) night prayer, his long prostration in the night prayer and his standing until his legs swelled and his feet .chapped

Thus he accustomed himself to do in the night. How about the five obligatory prayers, which were one of the bases, upon which Islam was based? Would he sleep and miss the prayer? Allah (S.w.T.) forbid! And it was far away from the Prophet (S.), who recited to the :people

Attend constantly to prayers and to the middle prayer and stand up truly obedient to) :Allah (S.w.T.)) ۲:۲۳۸ and he incited people

Successful indeed are the believers, who are humble in their prayers) ۲۳:۱-۲ and) :described the believers

And those who keep a guard on their prayers; these are they who are the heirs, who) shall inherit the Paradise; they shall abide therein) ۲۳:۹-۱۱

and called out to people: (keep up prayer; surely prayer is a timed ordinance for the

:believers) ۴:۱۰۳ and made all people hear

He indeed shall be successful who purifies himself and magnifies the name of his Lord) .and prays) ۸۷:۱۴-۱۵

The holy Qur'an is full of verses like these that the Prophet (S.) taught people their :maxims and good sermons. How many times the Prophet (S.) did prick the inattentive by

Woe to the praying ones, who are unmindful of their prayers, who do (good) to be seen)) ۱۰۷:۴-۶

:and exposed the hypocrites when Allah (S.w.T.) revealed to him about their characters

and they do not come to prayer but while they are sluggish, and they do not spend but) while they are unwilling) ۹:۵۴

and he criticised someone, who slept and didn't offer the night prayer until the morning (came, by saying: "The Satan made water in his ear."(۱)

What a metaphor it was about those, who accustomed themselves to sleep without offering the night prayer and what a rhetoric it was from

an honored messenger, The processor of strength, having an honorable place with the) .(Lord of the Dominion, one (to be) obeyed, and faithful in trust

What a hard word it was, which would make the believers worry and never sleep without offering the night prayer if they thought right of themselves. The pious and the obscene, the believer and unbeliever knew and witnessed that Prophet Muhammad (S.) was the first who carried out his principles and was the best worshipper, who kept on his principles sincerely. He educated his umma by his deeds more

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Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۱ chapter of prayer, section on if one sleeps and does -۱ .not pray, pg. ۱۳۶

than his sayings. He wouldn't criticise that who slept without offering the night prayer so hardly, if he himself slept in front of his companions and missed the Fajr prayer. Glory be to Allah (S.w.T.)! What a great slander it was!

Abu Hurayra himself narrated(۱) that the Prophet (S.) had said: "The Satan ties three knots upon the nape of every one of you when he sleeps. If he wakes up and mentions Allah (S.w.T.), one knot will open. If he makes wudu', the second knot will open and if he offers the prayer the third knot will open. Then he will be active and in good spirits, otherwise he will be lazy and in bad spirits."

This tradition had a rhetorical metaphor like the previous one. The Prophet (S.) wanted to warn his umma from the Satan and to incite them to obey Allah (S.w.T.). If Abu Hurayra was true in this tradition, he must be a liar when he told that tradition of the Prophet's (S.) sleeping and missing the Fajr prayer.

Abu Hurayra narrated that the Prophet (S.) had said: "No prayer is heavier for the hypocrites than the prayers of Fajr and Isha. If they know what these two prayers have, they will come to offer them even creepingly. I was about to order the caller of azthan to say the iqama(۲) and then to order a man to lead people in prayer and I would take a torch to threaten with fire whoever didn't come to offer

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۱- Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۱ chapter of prayer, section on if one sleeps and does no pray, pg. ۱۳۶. What a strange of al-Bukhari it was that he mentioned this tradition in his book as well as the tradition talking about the sleeping of the Prophet and missing the prayer! Also refer to Ahmed's Musnad, vol.۲, pg.۱۵۳.

۲- Specified wordings to be said after the athan as a forepart for the prayer.

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The Prophet (S.) urged people to offer the prayers, paid much attention to the Fajr prayer and threatened those, who didn't come to offer the prayer, by burning them with fire.(١) After all that was it believable that he himself slept and didn't offer the prayer? Certainly !not

Allah (S.w.T.) might have mercy upon Abdullah bin Rawaha, the martyred companion, (when he said:(٢

Among us was the Prophet (S.), reciting the holy book when the dawn began to send its" rays. He made us see the guidance after our blindness, so our hearts faithed in him that whatever he said would happen. He spent the night away from his bed, while the others ".were in a deep sleep

.Let us go back to the tradition to state what remained to refute it

Firstly: they (the jurisprudents and the authors of books of Hadith) said that the Prophet's (S.) heart (senses) didn't sleep even when his eyes were sleeping. Their Sahihs declared (that clearly.(٣

This was one of the signs of the prophecy and Islam; therefore it was not probable for him to sleep and miss the Fajr prayer, because if his eyes slept, his heart would be attentive, especially to his God. Nothing of sleeping would make him inattentive to his duties. Once he offered the night prayer and went to sleep before he offered the witr(۴) prayer. One of his wives said to him: "O messenger of Allah (S.w.T.), do you sleep before you offer the witr prayer?" He said: "My

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Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol. ١ chapter of prayer, section on virtue of Isha prayer, -١ .pg. ٧٣

.Refer to al-Bhkhari's Sahih, vol.١, pg.١٣٨ -٢

.Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.١, pg.١٧٩ -٣

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eyes sleep but my heart doesn't sleep."(۱) He meant that he was certain he would not miss the witr prayer because he was fond of it and his heart was attentive to it even his eyes were sleeping. If he was so with the witr prayer, how about him when he slept ?before the Fajr prayer

Secondly: Abu Hurayra declared, as mentioned by Muslim in his Sahih,(۲) that this event happened to the Prophet (S.) during his return from the battle of Khaybar. How did Abu Hurayra pretend that he was with the Prophet (S.) then? Abu Hurayra became a Muslim (after this battle as the historians mentioned unanimously.(۳

Thirdly: Abu Hurayra said in the tradition: (The Prophet (S.) said: "Let every one of you lead .(his sumpter. This is a place attended by the Satan." We did so

It was well-known that the Satan didn't near to the Prophet (S.) and all people knew well, too, that Abu Hurayra was very poor and didn't have anything to satiate his hungry ?stomach with, so wherefrom did he get a sumpter to lead away as he said: we did so

Fourthly: Abu Hurayra said: "...then the Prophet (S.) asked for some water to do wudu'. He ".prostrated twice and then offered the Morning Prayer

The Prophet (S.) offered Morning Prayer to compensate the Fajr prayer, which was missed (according to Abu Hurayra), but we didn't know the two prostrations the Prophet (S.) did what for? And what they were?! An-Nawawi skipped them when he explained this

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.Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۲, pg. ۱۷۹ and Ahmed's Musnad, vol.۲, pg.۲۵۱ -۱

.vol.۱, pg.۲۵۴ -۲

Abu Hurayra said in the last days of his life: "I and a few of my tribe came to Medina to -۳ confess our Islam where the Prophet had left to Khaybar and appointed Siba' bin Arafat al-Ghifari as his successor in Medina. We offered fajr prayer with him. He supplied us with some food and money. We set out until we came to the Prophet where he conquered Khaybar. The Prophet talked to the Muslims to include us in their shares." This tradition was not narrated by any one except Abu Hurayra but the public (the Sunnis) depended upon it, as they always did with Abu Hurayra's traditions, and confirmed Abu Hurayra's

attendance at Khaybar with the Prophet without any true evidence. According to our infallible imams, Abu Hurayra came to Medina and became a Muslim after the return of the Prophet from Khaybar.

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Fifthly: It was normal for the armies and leaders to have guards to ward them when they wanted to sleep, especially if there was a king or some one important among them. As for the Prophet (S.), he had many enemies. There were many hypocrites within his army, who .(.were awaiting to wreak themselves upon the Prophet (S

The Prophet (S.) would not differ from the leaders to safekeep himself and his army. He wouldn't sleep, with his companions, in that desert surrounded by his enemies of the polytheists and the recusant Jews, unless there were guards to ward them. Would he pay no attention to this important matter, where he was the master of the wise men before being the master of the prophets? So were the guards sleeping, too as the callers for !athan were? Certainly not! But it was the liars, whom the Prophet (S.) had warned against

Sixthly: At that night, the Prophet (S.) was with an army of one thousand and six hundred men; among them were two hundred knights. It was not possible that all of them were sleeping and no one of them woke up at all. Let us suppose that they didn't wake up by themselves, weren't they woken up by the neighing and noise of beating the ground by hoofs of two hundred horses wanting their fodder at time in the morning? What torpor .the all were in, men and horses! It might be one of Abu Hurayra's miracles

A Cow And a Wolf Speak in Eloquent Arabic (۱۷

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sheikhs mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: "Prophet Muhammad (S.) offered the Fajr prayer, came in front of people and said: "Once there was a man leading his cow. He rode it and beat it. The cow said: We were not created to be beaten but for plowing!" People said: "Praise the Lord! A cow speaks!" The Prophet (S.) said: "We believe in that; me, Abu Bakr and Omar, although they, both, are not here. Also there was a man grazing his sheep. The wolf came and took one of them. The man followed the wolf and saved the sheep. The wolf said to the man: "You saved it from me! Who will save it if the lion comes one day to take it, when there will be no keeper for it but me?" people said: "Praise the Lord! A wolf speaks!" The Prophet (S.) said: "We believe in this; me, Abu Bakr and Omar, (although they, both, are not here."(١)

Abu Hurayra was fond of wonders and unusual things. He was mirthful when he talked about unusual things like the running away of the rock with Moses' cloths or when Moses slapped the angel of death and gouged his eye, the falling down of gold locusts upon .Ayyoub (Job) and the likes of his impossibilities

And here he told of a talking cow and a talking wolf, which spoke in eloquent Arabic to show that they had reason, knowledge, and wisdom. He told of something, which definitely never happened nor

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Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.٢, section on persons from amongst Bani Israel, a leper, -١ a bald headed man and a blind person, pg. ١٧١ and ١٩٠, Muslim's Sahih,vol.٢, pg.٣١۶-٣١٧ and .Ahmed's Musnad, vol.٢, pg.٢۴۶

would happen at all. The natural rules, which Allah (S.w.T.) made for all what He had created, made this thing impossible unless there was a necessity for a miracle to be a sign to prove the prophecy of one of the apostles or something related to Allah (S.w.T.). The matter of the man, who led his cow to the field and rode it, did not need any challenge or miracle that Allah (S.w.T.) would break the rules of nature for him. The same was for the sheep keeper, when the wolf invaded his sheep. This tradition was completely untrue, for .Allah (S.w.T.) would not make miracles in vain

Abu Bakr and Omar were not in need for such a virtue. In fact if they had heard him telling of it, they would have punished him. But he mentioned Abu Bakr and Omar(۱) as a means to satisfy his tendency to the oddities, at the same time to walk in their shadow because he knew well that no one could deny what he said, otherwise would be accused of .defaming the two caliphs; Abu Bakr and Omar

Making Abu Bakr Commander Of Hajj (۱۸

The two sheikhs mentioned that Hameed bin Abdur Rahman bin Awf said that Abu Hurayra told him that Abu Bakr had sent him (Abu Hurayra), during the hajj of which the Prophet (S.) made Abu Bakr Amir a year before the Farewell Hajj(۲), with some men in the Day of Immolation to inform people that no polytheist would be permitted to come to hajj and

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۱- Certainly, he invented this tradition after their death.

۲- The last hajj of the prophet Muhammad(S.) before he died.

(no one was to go around the Kaaba nakedly after this year.(۱

Al-Bukari mentioned another tradition narrated by Hameed that Abu Hurayra had said: "Abu Bakr sent me among a group of callers to Mina(۲) in the Day of Immolation to announce that no polytheist would be allowed to come to hajj and no one was to go around the Kaaba nakedly after this year. Then the Prophet (S.) sent Ali after us to inform (of sura Bara'a. Ali announced with us to the people of Mina in the Day of Immolation."(۳

No wonder if the Umayyads' policy imposed upon Abu Hurayra and Hameed this .falsehood and no wonder if they both volunteered to do that

In fact Abu Hurayra went to Damascus, the capital of the Umayyads, trading with his goods (traditions), which sold well there. Propaganda against Imam Ali (a.s.) and the .progeny of the Prophet (S.) was the best profitable trade for the charlatans there

Hameed was formed by the hands of Mu'awiya to carry like these traditions. He pretended to be pious and abstinent. He was fond of hearing from Imam Ali (a.s.)'s enemies.(۴) He was like the bitter Umayyad enemies of Imam Ali (a.s.). It was not strange of him because he was their son. His mother was Um Kulthoom bint(۵) Aqaba bin Abu Ma'eet bin Thakwan bin Umayya bin Abd Shams. She was the sister of al-Waleed bin Aqaba. His grandmother was the mother of Othman bin Affan. Her name was Arwa bint Kurayz bin

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۱ - Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۱ chapter of Hajj, section on no circumambulating naked, pg.۱۹۲ and Muslim's Sahih, vol.۱, pg.۵۱۷.

۲- A place near Mecca.

۳- Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۳ chapter of tafsir surat no.۹ al-Tawba or al-Bara'a, pg.۹۰.

۴ - He narrated from Mu'awiya, an-Nu'man bin Basheer, al-Magheera bin Shu'ba, Abdullah bin az-Zubayr, Marwan and others like them. His traditions were mentioned by al-Bukhari and Muslim.

۵- (bint) means: daughter of and (bin) means: son of.

Rabee'a bin Habeeb bin Abd Shams. His father, Abdur Rahman was against Imam Ali (a.s.). So no wonder that Abu Hurayra and Hameed agreed to spread this falsehood, which the mercenaries transferred to everywhere faster than the wind.

What invalidated this tradition that Abu Hurayra (before he enjoyed the pleasures of the Umayyads) said:(۱) "I was among the delegation that the Prophet (S.) sent with Ali to inform of sura of Bara'a." His son, al-Muharrir asked him: "What did you inform of?" He said: "We announced: "No one enters Paradise except the believers, no polytheist is to come to hajj after this year, no one is to go around the Kaaba nakedly and whoever has a covenant with the Prophet (S.), it will be valid for four months.(۲) I cried of that until my voice became hoarse."

This was his true tradition mentioned in the historians' books and of those, who collected the Hadith. He did not mention Abu Bakr. He said that the pilgrims, whom the Prophet (S.) sent to Mecca, were under the emirate of Imam ´Ali (a.s.), the same emirate, which Abu Hurayra ascribed to Abu Bakr.

If Abu Hurayra was sent with Imam Ali (a.s.) by the Prophet, what would be the meaning of his Saying (Abu Bakr sent me with other callers in the Day of Immolation of that hajj) and his saying (then the Prophet (S.) sent Ali to follow after us and call out with us)? It was not but a contradiction.(۳)

(They desire to put

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۱- Refer to al-Hakim's Mustadrak, vol.۲, pg.۱۳۱, ath-Thahabi's Talkheess and imam Ahmed bin Hanbal's Musnad, vol.۲, pg.۲۹۹.

۲- The jurisprudents denied this saying (it will be valid for four months) because what the speech of Imam Ali (a.s.) included at that day was (any polytheist has a covenant with the prophet, it will be valid until its date, whatever its period is and whoever has a covenant without a limit of time, it will be valid for four months). It was clear that Abu Hurayra didn't attend the season of hajj to know what they announced of. It was ordinary for him, because many times he pretended to attend the events he talked about but, in fact, he didn't attend them therefore he narrated them falsely.

The contradiction between the two traditions was clear concerning the sender of Abu -۳ Hurayra and the other callers, the place of the send; Medina or Mecca and the date of the send; either the Day of Immolation or before it.

out the light of Allah (S.w.T.) with their mouths, and Allah (S.w.T.) will not consent save to .perfect His light) ۹:۳۲

:InshAllah (S.w.T.), I will clear the truth of this tradition to you in some points

.Firstly: it is to clear the reality of the task (the send with Bara'a) in summery

When sura of Bara'a was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (S.), he sent Abu Bakr to recite it in the day of the greater hajj in front of all the attendants and to declare the dispensation of Allah (S.w.T.) and his messenger from the covenants between the Muslims and the polytheists, no polytheist would be permitted to come to the Kaaba, no one would enter Paradise but the believers and no one was to go around the Kaaba .nakedly

When Abu Bakr went with Bara'a not so far, Allah (S.w.T.) revealed to the Prophet (S.) that no one would carry out his divine tasks save him or a man of his family. The Prophet (S.) called for Imam Ali (a.s.) and ordered him to follow after Abu Bakr and take Bara'a from him, then to go to Mecca to carry out the task himself. The Prophet (S.) gave Imam Ali (a.s.) full authority to be the emir of hajj in that year(۱) and to give Abu Bakr the option .either to go back to Medina or to go on with the pilgrims

Imam Ali (a.s.) rode the she-camel of the Prophet (S.) called al-Adhba' and followed after Abu Bakr. Abu Bakr

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.Refer to at-Tabarsi's book Majma'ul Bayan, vol.۳, pg.۳ -۱

asked Imam Ali (a.s.): "Why did you come, Abul-Hasan?" Imam Ali (a.s.) said: "The Prophet (S.) ordered me to take the verses of Bara'a from you and to go to void the covenant of the polytheists.(۱) You are free to return to him or to go with me." He said: "I return to him." Ali went to Mecca with the pilgrims of Medina.

Abu Bakr went back to Medina. He said to the Prophet (S.): "You honored me with a thing I looked forward to it, but when I went to do it you ordered to bring me back. Did Allah (S.w.T.) reveal to you something about me?" The Prophet (S.) said: "No, but Gabriel(S.) told me from Allah (S.w.T.) that no one would carry out my divine tasks save me or a man of my family. Ali is of mine and so he will do instead of me." Traditions with this meaning were frequently narrated by the infallible imams.(۲)

Secondly: some of what was mentioned by the public (the Sunnis) confirmed what we mentioned above. Here is the saying of Abu Bakr as clear evidence. He said: "The Prophet (S.) sent me with Bara'a to Mecca to announce that no polytheist was to come to hajj after this year, no one was to go around the Kaaba nakedly, no one would entered Paradise save the believers, whoever had a covenant with the Prophet (S.), it would be valid until its date and that Allah (S.w.T.) and His apostle were acquitted

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۱- If you say: why did the Prophet (S.) order Abu Bakr to go with Bara'a to void the covenant of the polytheists in the day of hajj and then he deposed him before the time of hajj came? Wasn't that a kind of abrogation of something before the coming of its time of carrying out, which was impossible for Allah (S.w.T.) and His apostle? Certainly not! The Prophet (S.) sent Abu Bakr and then ordered him to come back and sent Ali instead, to add to Ali a virtue, which wouldn't be so if he sent Ali from the first. The same happened to Abraham. Allah (S.w.T.) ordered him to slaughter his son. When he tried to do, Allah (S.w.T.) revealed to him: (You have indeed shown the truth of the vision; surely thus do We reward the doers of good) and ransomed his son with a sacrifice and didn't let him slaughter his son that Abraham was not, really, ordered, by Allah (S.w.T.), to slaughter his son but to try to do that to show people the virtue of Abraham and his son and there was not any abrogation in this matter. The same was when the Prophet (S.) sent Abu Bakr to conquer Khaybar then he sent Omar, but they returned unsuccessfully. The Prophet (S.)

said: "Tomorrow I will give the banner to a man, who loves Allah (S.w.T.) and His apostle and They love him. He triumphed with help of Allah (S.w.T.)." He gave it to Ali and Ali conquered Khaybar. The virtue of Ali appeared much better than to be sent from the first. .There were many cases like these

Refer to Ali bin Ibrahim in his Tafseer, when he interpreted sura of at-Tawba (Bara'a) -۲ .and sheikh al-Mufeed in his Irshad

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I went away for three days then the Prophet (S.) said to Ali: "Follow after Abu Bakr and let him come back to me. Take Bara'a from him and go to inform of it." When I went back to the Prophet (S.) in Medina, I cried and said to him: "Did some thing happen about me?" He said: "Nothing but good happened about you. But I was ordered that no one was to carry out my divine tasks except me or a man of my family." This was the tradition of Abu Bakr(۱). Do you think that his crying and emotion went well with making him emir of hajj? ?or with excluding him from that

Such was the tradition of Imam Ali (a.s.)(۲) when he said: "When ten verses of Bara'a had been revealed to the Prophet (S.), he called for Abu Bakr and sent him to recite them for the people of Mecca. Then he called for me and said: "Follow after Abu Bakr. Wherever you get him, take the book from him and go to recite it for the people of Mecca. I caught up with him and took the book from him. He went back to the Prophet (S.) and said to him: "O messenger of Allah (S.w.T.), was anything revealed about me?" The Prophet (S.) said: "No, but Gabriel told me that no one would inform of the revelation except me or a man of ".me

Imam Ali (a.s.) said in another tradition:(۳) "The

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۱- Refer to Ahmed's Musnad, vol.۱,pg.۲.

۲- ibid. vol.۱, pg.۱۵۱.

۳- mentioned by an-Nassa'ei in his book al-Khassa'is al-Alawiya, pg.۲۰, imam Ahmed bin Hanbal and others.

Prophet (S.) sent Bara'a to the people of Mecca with Abu Bakr then sent me after him and said to me: "Take the book from Abu Bakr and go to Mecca." I caught up with him and took the book from him. He went back depressedly to Medina. He asked the Prophet (S.): "Was anything revealed about me?" The Prophet (S.) said: "No, but I was ordered that I would ".inform of it or one of my family

Another tradition narrated by Ibn Abbas, who protested against the opponents of Imam ´Ali (a.s.) and began to talk in details about the virtues of Imam ´Ali (a.s.) and the conditions of preferring him to the whole umma after the Prophet (S.). He said:(۱) "...then the Prophet (S.) sent Abu Bakr with sura of at-Tawba (Bara'a) and sent Ali after him to take it from him. The Prophet (S.) said: "No one will go with it save a man, who is from me ".and I am from him

Ali's opponents gave in to Ibn Abbas. If Abu Bakr was the emir in that year, they would not .give in to Ibn Abbas. They found his evidence definite, so they submitted to him

Ibn Abbas, once said: "I was walking with Omar somewhere in Medina, when he said to me: "O ibn Abbas, I think that your companion (Imam ´Ali (a.s.)) is wronged." I thought that I would not let it go in vain. I said to him: "O Amirul mu'mineen,(۲) give his right back to

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Refer to al-Hakim's Mustadrak, vol.۳, pg.۳۲, ath-Thahabi in Talkhees aal-Mustadrak, - ۱ .an-Nassa'ei's book al-Khassa'is al-Alawiya, pg.۶ and Ahmed in his Musnad, vol.۱, pg.۳۳۱

.Commander of the believers -۲

him." He pulled out his hand from mine and went away murmuring for a while and stopped. I followed him. He said: "O ibn Abbas, I think they prevented him that (the caliphate) because they found him too young." I said: "I swear by Allah (S.w.T.), that Allah (S.w.T.) and His apostle didn't find him too young when they ordered him to take Bara'a (from your companion." He left and hurried away."(۱)

How brilliant he was when he overcame the caliph with this eloquent argument. He did not let any way to the Caliph to answer so he turned away and left hurriedly. If his companion was the emir of that season of hajj, as Abu Hurayra pretended, he would not leave hurriedly unless he knew the truth, because he was with Abu Bakr when he left towards Mecca with Bara'a and when he returned before achieving the task. So he knew .every thing about that event more than any one else

Once al-Hasan al-Basri was asked about Imam ´Ali (a.s.). He said: "What can I say about him, who owned the four qualities; being entrusted with Bara'a, the saying of the Prophet (S.) to him in the battle of Tabouk, the Prophet's (S.) saying to the Muslims: "I have left to you two important things; the holy Qur'an and my family" and the fourth that he always was the commander and he was never commanded by any one while the others (Abu (Bakr, Omar… etc.) were commanded by the leaders."(۲)

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It was mentioned by az-Zubayr bin Bukaar bin Abdullah bin Mus'ab bin Thabit bin - ۱ Abdullah bin az-Zubayr bin al-Awwam in his book al-Muwaffaqiyyat, which he wrote for al-Muwaffaq bil-lah, the son of al-Mutawakkil, the Abbasid caliph. It was Allah (S.w.T.)'s secret, which could never be hidden and His light, which could never be put out that az-Zubayr bin Bukaar himself mentioned such a tradition in his book. Ibn Bukaar was known for his enmity to Imam ´Ali (a.s.) and the Hashimites. He, who was asked by one of the Hashimites to swear between the holy tomb and minbar of the prophet and he swore falsely, therefore Allah (S.w.T.) afflicted him with leprosy. He abused the Alawites (the descendants of Imam ´Ali (a.s.)) and their grandfather Imam ´Ali (a.s.). They decided to kill him. He fled to his uncle Mus'ab bin Abdulla bin Mus'ab and asked him to beg al-

Mu'tassim, the Abbasid caliph, to safeguard him but his uncle didn't respond to him because his uncle was not like him in his enmity to the Alawites. (This was mentioned by ibnul Atheer in his book at-Tareekh al-Kamil-al-Mu'tassim's biography). His father Bukaar was a bitter enemy to Imam Reza. Imam Reza invoked Allah (S.w.T.) against him. He fell down from his castle and broke his neck. His grandfather, Abdullah bin Mus'ab gave a fatwa to Haroon ar-Rasheed, the Abbasid caliph, to kill Yahya bin Abdullah bin al-Hasan. He said to ar-Rasheed: "O amirul mu'mineen, kill him and I will be the responsible for him." Ar-Rasheed said: "He has a covenant with me to safeguard him." He said: "He doesn't deserve that." He pulled out the document of the covenant from Yahya by force and tore it with his own hands. It was the enmity they inherited, one after the other, from their grandfather Abdullah bin az-Zubayr until it reached az-Zubayr bin Bukaar, by which he got the favor near al-Mutawakkil by choosing him to educate his son al-Muwaffaq. Al-Mutawakkil ordered to give him ten thousand dirhams, ten wardrobes of cloths and ten mules to carry his baggage to Samarra'. He educated his son al-Muwaffaq and wrote him his book al-Muwaffaqiyyat, which was excellent wonderful book that we quoted from it .much, in this book and other books

.Refer to Sharh an-Nahj al-Hameedi, vol.۱, pg.۳۶۹ -۲

well-known that al-Hasan al-Basri was sincere to Abu Bakr and devoted himself to spread his virtues. If Abu Bakr was the emir of hajj in the year of Bara'a, al-Hasan al-Bassri would not hide that and would not witness to Ali that he was never commanded by any one and would not imply that Abu Bakr was commanded by the others. If you inspected his speech, you would know that he appreciated the entrusting with Bara'a and thought that it was an attribute concerning Ali and no other than him was well-qualified .for it

When the companions commended Ali in Medina during the reign of Abu Bakr and Omar, .they mentioned this attribute as one of his virtues and no one debated with them about it

Sa'd (bin Abu Waqqas) said:(۱) "The Prophet (S.) sent Abu Bakr with Bara'a. When he passed some of the way, the Prophet (S.) sent Ali after him to take it and go with it to Mecca. Abu Bakr became uncomfortable. The Prophet (S.) said: "No one is to carry out my ".divine tasks save me and a man of my family

Anass (bin Malik) said:(۲) "The Prophet (S.) sent Bara'a with Abu Bakr, then he called for him and said: "No one is to inform of this except a man of my family." He called for Ali and .gave it to him

Jamee' bin Omayr al-Laythi asked Abdullah bin Omar about Imam ´Ali (a.s.). Ibn Omar scolded him and said: "This is the house of the Prophet

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.Refer to an-Nassa'ei's book al-Khassa'is al-Alawiyya, pg.۲۰ and Ahmed's Musnad -۱

.Ibid. pg.۲۰ and Ahmed's Musnad, vol.۳, pg.۲۱۶ -۲

S.) in the mosque and this is the house of Ali. Once the Prophet (S.) sent Abu Bakr and) .Omar(۱) with Bara'a to Mecca. While they were on their way to Mecca, a rider came

They asked who he was. He said: "I am Ali. O Abu Bakr, give me the book, which is with you." He said: "Is there anything wrong about me?" Ali said: "I don't think but good." Ali took the book and went to Mecca. Abu Bakr and Omar went back to Medina and asked the Prophet (S.): "What happened about us?" He said: "Nothing happened about you save good, but it was revealed to me that no one was to carry out my divine tasks except me or ".a man of my family

The books of Hadith mentioned clearly that Abu Bakr returned to Medina uncomfortably and was afraid that something was revealed to the Prophet (S.) about him. This didn't fit that he was the emir of that season of hajj. But the propaganda against Imam ´Ali (a.s.) .was so strong that it made a great effect during the beginning of Islam

Thirdly: the acquittal of the covenant with the polytheists brought great results to the Muslims. As well it brought Imam ´Ali (a.s.) more glory and highness near all of the Arabs, when Allah (S.w.T.) and His apostle chose him to do this task especially after the bringing back of Abu Bakr. Many other qualities confirmed that Ali was the best one of the umma

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Omar was a fellow to Abu Bakr at that time. He was among three hundred companions, -۱ who went away with Abu Bakr. But Omar was a close companion of Abu Bakr, therefore he went back with him to Medina. The companions, after the return of Abu Bakr, joined Ali, who led them as the emir to Mecca. The all witnessed that Abu Bakr returned to .Medina uncomfortably

.and the closest to the Prophet (S.) alive or dead

When the Prophet (S.) acquitted the covenant of the polytheists, prevented them to come to hajj and to Mecca and declared that Paradise was prohibited for them, the religion became complete and the state of the Muslims became better and stronger than ever .before

The Muslims gained honor and glory. The fury of the polytheists was reposed and their .necks submitted to the Muslims. So the religion was all for Allah (S.w.T.), glory be to Him

Allah (S.w.T.) willed all that to be achieved by His slave and His apostle's guardian, Ali bin Abu Talib, to extol him, to show his virtue, to exalt his fame, to declare his great significance, to pave the way to entrust him with the caliphate and to declare practically in the next year that he would be the caliph after the Prophet (S.).(۱)

The fame of Ali spread among the Arabs like the light of morning, for the acquittal of any covenant, according to their rules, was to be done by the chief, who had concluded that covenant, and no one other than him could do that except that, who represented him or would be his successor, who must be brave and strong, didn't fall into error and didn't .doubt in his decisions or when he broke or confirm the verdicts

What would guide you to all that was the saying of the Prophet (S.) to Imam ´Ali (a.s.) when he sent him to take Bara'a from Abu

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۱- The acquittal of the covenant was in the ninth year of hegira and the Prophet declared Ali to be the caliph after him in the tenth year of hegira, when he was coming back from .his last hajj

Bakr: “Either I go with it or you go.” Imam ´Ali (a.s.) said: “If it must be, then I will go.” The Prophet (S.) said: “Go off. Allah (S.w.T.) will confirm your tongue and guide your heart.”(١)

It was clear that the task, which wouldn’t be carried out except by the Prophet (S.) or by someone like him (in status) was a very great task that Ali won a victory by achieving it. He overcame the time; no one would precede him and no one would come up with him or look forward to his position.

He, who inspected well the bringing back of Abu Bakr from the task, would find the truth clear.

It was to say that the Prophet (S.) certified the reason when he said: “Gabriel came and said to me: “No one is to carry out your divine tasks save you or a man of your family.” In the Arabic text he used (LAN), which means (will never). The meaning of the tradition is (no one at all is to carry out anything (of the divine tasks) instead of you except a man of your family).

If you say that this tradition might concern this very task only and not any task in general.

We say that this tradition was not the only tradition having this meaning. The likes of it were many.

In the Day of Arafa(٢) of the farewell hajj (the last hajj of the Prophet) the Prophet (S.), from above his she-camel, tried to attract the pilgrims’ attention

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١- Refer to Ahmed’s Musnad, vol.١, pg.١٥٠.

٢- The ٩th of Dhul-Hijja, when the pilgrims perform certain actions on the mountain Arafat.

to inform them of their resort in order to complete his mission. He called them loudly. They all turned towards him with their eyes, ears and hearts. He said: "Ali is from me and I am from Ali. No one is to carry out my tasks except me and Ali."(۱)

What an entrustment that it was light for the tongue but heavy in the scale. It gave Ali the authority to carry out the Prophet's (S.) own tasks and made him be entrusted with the Prophet's (S.) secrets as Aaron was for Moses but Ali was not a prophet but a vizier and a guardian, who conducted like his prophet and judged among people instead of him.

That was a top, which Allah (S.w.T.) and His apostle didn't let anyone other than Ali ascend.

(..then look again, can you see any disorder? Then turn back the eye again and again; your look shall come back to you confused while it is fatigued) ۶۷:۳-۴.

The Prophet (S.) raised Ali to a level much higher than the level of the umma. He mixed his flesh with his own flesh and his blood with his own blood and his hearing, sight, heart and soul with his own when he said: "Ali is from me and I am from Ali." This was not enough for him until he said: "No one is to carry out my tasks except me and Ali." He put everything in this saying and made people perceive what he wanted to

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۱ - - Refer to Ibn Maja's Sunan, vol.۱, pg.۹۲. it was mentioned by at-Tarmithi and an-Nassa'ei. It was the tradition no.۲۵۳۱ in pg.۱۵۳, vol.۶, Kanzul Ommal. It was mentioned by Ahmed in his Munad, vol.۴, pg.۱۶۴.

:say. It was no wonder of that, for Allah (S.w.T.) said

And certainly We chose them, having knowledge, above the nations and We gave them) .of the communications wherein was clear blessing) ۴۴:۳۲-۳۳

Let the prudent inspect this covenant well to know that it was no less in importance than the traditions of the day of Ghadeer. The carrying out of the Prophet's (S.) tasks, which concerned the Prophet (S.) and Ali only and was prohibited for the others to do, was itself the legal execution with infallibility like the infallibility of the holy Qur'an. So it was a .definite excuse that the umma had to obey as they obeyed the orders of the holy Qur'an

This was confirmed by the saying of the Prophet (S.): "Ali is with the Qur'an and the Qur'an is with Ali. They never separate"(۱) and his saying: "Mercy be upon Ali! O Allah (S.w.T.), turn the rightness with Ali wherever he turns."(۲) And many other traditions like that, which .(.declared the infallibility of Imam ´Ali (a.s

Our Lord! we believe in what Thou hast revealed and we follow the apostle, so write us) .down with those who bear witness) ۳:۵۳

Fourthly: the enemies of Ali, who wronged him and tried to defame him, as well as Abu Hurayra, who flattered Ali's enemies, all distorted this tradition and turned his virtues .aside from him

His enemies of the hypocrites and his opponents, who broke their homage and fought him in the battle of the Camel, those who rebelled against

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.Mentioned by al-Hakim in his Mustadrak, vol.۳, pg.۱۲۴ -۱
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his rule when they fought him in the battle of Siffeen and the Kharijites, who reneged from the right way of Islam, altogether tried to do that. His enemies, especially the dominants like Mu'awiya and his companions, employed their mercenaries to distort Imam ´Ali (a.s.)'s virtues as possible as they could or the mercenaries themselves .flattered the Umayyads by doing that

Ali had no guilt and they would never be excused for Allah (S.w.T.) honoured Ali by these high qualities because he reached a high position near Allah (S.w.T.) by his faith and jihad. They couldn't put up with the glory and honour of Ali and the qualities he owned; his sincerity to Allah (S.w.T.), to the apostle and to the umma, his personality, his virtues, his kinship with the Prophet (S.), his wife and his progeny, so they tried their best to defame him and to distort all his virtues. The scorpions of envy crept into the hearts of the .hypocrites

The sons of the livers eater(۱) occupied the top of the enmity to Ali. They didn't leave any way to fight him, to disgrace him and to incite people against him. They advanced in their cunning; broke their homage to him, deprived him of his legal rule and killed his progeny. .They turned their backs to what the Prophet (S.) had ordered them to love and obey

What they committed against him filled the space and covered the earth. All that didn't satisfy them until they: announced curse upon

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۱- It was Hind, the wife of Abu Sufyan and the mother of Mu'awiya. She tore the chest of Hamza (the prophet's uncle) when he was killed in the battle of Uhud, and ate his liver.

(him, like the announcement of Iqama.(۱

Would they not involve themselves in the holy Sunna where they tore every thing referred to preferring Imam ´Ali (a.s.)? They decided, with no evidence, that the true traditions were false. They interpreted the clear ones according to their wishes. They accused the narrators of being oppositionists. They distorted much of the Sunna and changed the fair meanings of the traditions as what Abu Hurayra mentioned in this tradition when he said: "Abu Bakr sent me…then he sent Ali after us to announce with us…" as if Ali was, in that season of hajj, just one of the callers sent by Abu Bakr to call out .with Abu Hurayra

It was no wonder of Abu Hurayra for his boldness in inventing traditions and directing them ornamented with the brocade that the rabble liked and the general policy preferred .and spread by the false propaganda

Didn't he transmit the virtue from Ali to Abu Bakr flattering the government and ?endearing himself to the public by inventing what pleased them

What a doing he did! He gagged the mouths to speak a word of the truth for fear of the !public to plot against them and the government to revenge then. And what about then

Abu Hurayra wanted by his tradition to sweep away the honoured position that Allah :(S.w.T.) and His apostle chose Ali for in that season of hajj. He tended to say that

The task, which Ali went to carry out, was by the command of (۱)

.Specified wordings to be recited before commencing the prayer -۱

Abu Bakr, who was the emir of hajj as Abu Hurayra pretended. That Ali didn't suffice to do the task so Abu Bakr sent Abu Hurayra with some of the strong and hard men like Abu .Hurayra to take much care about it

Ali had nothing more than what Abu Hurayra and his group, who were sent by Abu (۲) .Bakr, had in that task, because they did the same as he did

It was enough to refute this tradition that Allah (S.w.T.) saw Abu Bakr was not suitable for that task. He revealed to the Prophet (S.) to bring him back and to choose one of the only .two efficient men for this task; either the Prophet (S.) himself or his guardian Ali

Abu Hurayra, before he was employed to serve the Umayyad propaganda, told of this event without mentioning that Abu Bakr was the emir or ever mentioned him. He pretended that he and the other callers were with Ali. Refer to his tradition mentioned .above

We don't trust in both of his traditions nor that he called out in the Day of Immolation or that he ever attended that season of hajj at all. I swear by Allah (S.w.T.) that we do never .trust in whatever he narrated

Fifthly: The political propaganda, during the Umayyad reign, had committed a serious crime against the prophetic traditions besides what their mercenaries invented of fabricated traditions to flatter the rulers and how hard they tried to make the tradition of Hameed narrated from Abu Hurayra

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.be true

Inventing traditions was a good craft for the adulators to live by. Those adulators had a skill to ornament and promote their goods (traditions), which no one felt of at that time !except the discerners and how few they were

Behind those adulators were the mercenaries of those, who collected and wrote down Sunna and Hadith, the flattering learned ones, the hypocrites, who pretended to be pious and abstinent like Hameed bin Abdur Raman, Muhammad bin Ka'b al-Qardhi and the likes, the chiefs of the tribes in the towns and the sheikhs of the clans in the desert, who whenever heard anything from those adulators, spread it among the public and the rabble of the new conquered countries, told of it from upon the minbars, depended upon .it as excuse and regarded it as base of Shari'ah

The trustworthy faithful ones had nothing to do but to be silent in front of those flattering mercenaries, who were defended by the rulers. If those poor were asked about what the liars invented of traditions, especially that talked about the virtues of Abu Bakr and Omar, they would fear the public, who followed the rulers blindly, if they said the truth. They would fear the flattering and the flattered ones. Thus many facts were lost many heresies .were kept as bases of the Shari'ah

This heresy of Hameed and Abu Hurayra, was the best lucky to be the stronger against the Prophet's (S.) family. They fabricated many other traditions having the

same meaning and ascribed one of them to Ali himself, the second to his cousin Abdullah bin Abbas, the third to his companion Jabir bin Abdullah al-Ansari and the fourth to his grandson, the inheritor of his knowledge, Imam Muhammad al-Baqir. It was a conspiracy that the enemies of Ali used to do and they kept on it to disgrace the Hashimites without letting the public know the truth. The people, who came after them, collected those traditions as they were and wrote them down admiringly. They regarded what they had .collected as true traditions inattentively

The defect of the series of narrators of the tradition, which was ascribed to Imam ´Ali (a.s.) was Abu Zar'a Wahab bin Rashid. He was so hostile to Imam ´Ali (a.s.). He acquired the hostility to the Hashimites from his teacher Abu Yazeed Yunus bin Yazeed bin an-.(Najjad al-Ibli, the freed servant of Mu'awiya(۱

The defect in the series of narrators of the tradition ascribed to ibn Abbas was Abul Qassim Muqsim bin Majza'a. He declared his enmity to Imam ´Ali (a.s.). Al-Hakim thought that this man was one of al-Bukhari's men of Hadith and mentioned his fabricated tradition ascribed to ibn Abas in his Mustadrak.(۲) Muqsim was not trusty as al-Bukhari mentioned in his book. Ath-Thahabi in his book Mizan al-I'tidal quoted from al-Bukhari and ibn Hazm that this man was not trusty. Ibn Sa'd said in his Tabaqat(۳) that he was .excessive in narrating traditions and he was not trusty

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۱ - Abu Nasr al-Kalabathi, Abu Bakr al-Isbahani and Abul Fadhl ash-Shaybani, who was known as ibnul Qaysarani, mentioned in their books that Yunus bin Yazeed was the freed servant of Mu'awiya. Refer to Ibnul Qaysarani's book, pg.۴۸۵. This very Yunus narrated .that Abu Talib was unbeliever when he died. Refer to Muslim's Sahih, vol.۱, pg.۳۰

۲- vol.۳,pg.۵۱.

۳- vol.۵, pg.۳۴۶.

al-Bukhari and Muslim didn't mentioned his traditions except one mentioned by al-Bukhari that Abdul Kareem bin Malik said that he had heard Muqsim saying: "Ibn Abbas said: "Those, who didn't go to fight in the battle of Badr and those, who fought would never be regarded as equal."

Al-Bukhari didn't mentioned in his Sahih except this tradition of Muqsim, certifying that he was not trusty. He mentioned this tradition for it didn't have any legal verdict besides that it wasn't said by the Prophet (S.).

The defect in the tradition ascribed to Jabir was Abu Salih Iss-haq bin Najeeh al-Malti. He was offensive, malicious and excessive in lying. He was so daring in fabricating traditions as mentioned by all, who wrote about the men of Hadith.

The defect of the tradition ascribed to Imam Muhammad al-Baqir(S.) was Muhammad bin Iss-haq, who mentioned the tradition in his biography, which he filled with heresies and wonders that couldn't be believed.

Anyhow it was easy to refute these fabricated traditions for they were mean like their narrators. Their texts were weak and contradictory to the fact of those, whom they were ascribed to. In fact they were contradictory to the traditions narrated by Abu Bakr, Ali, ibn Abbas, ibn Omar, Sa'd and Anass that we mentioned in the second point of this chapter.

It didn't fit the conduct of the Prophet (S.), who did never appoint any one to command Ali along his lifetime but Ali always was the commander and the bearer of the banner in

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all the battles of the Prophet (S.). It was different for the others like Abu Bakr, Omar and others, who were under the commandership of the teenager Ussama when the Prophet (S.) went to the better world. In the battle of That as-Salassil, they (Abu Bakr and Omar) were under the commandership of Amr bin al-Aass.(۱)

As for Ali, he was not commanded by any one along the life of the Prophet (S.). The Prophet (S.) didn't send him with the army of Ussama nor with the army of Amr bin al-Aass or the army of Abu Bakr and Omar when he sent them to Khaybar. When they returned he sent Ali and both of them were under Ali's commandership until he conquered Khaybar. When the Prophet (S.) sent Khalid bin al-Waleed to Yemen with an army and sent Ali with another army, he said to them that if they met, Ali would be the commander of the two armies and if they separated each one would be the commander of his army.(۲)

Abdullah bin Abbas said: "Ali had four qualities that no one other than him had; he was the first of the Arabs and the foreigners, who offered prayer to Allah (S.w.T.) with the Prophet (S.), he was the bearer of the Prophet's (S.) banner in all of his battles…etc."(۳)

The angels talk with Omar (۱۹

Al-Bukhari mentioned(۴) that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) said: "Some men of the Israelites, who lived before you, were talked with (by the angels) although they were not apostles.

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۱- Refer to al-Hakim's Mustadrak, vol.۳, pg.۴۳ and ath-Thahabi in his Talkhees.

۲- Refer to Ahmed's Musnsd, vol.۵, pg.۳۵۶.

۳- Refer to al-Hakim's Mustadrak, vol.۳, pg.۱۱۱.

۴- In his Sahih, vol.۲ section on Omar's virtues, pg. ۱۹۴.

(If there is someone of my umma like them, it will be Omar."(۱

Al-Bukhari mentioned another tradition(۲) narrated by Abu Hurayra that he said: "The Prophet (S.) said: "There were among the nations, who had lived before you, some people, who were talked with (by the angels). If my umma has someone like those, it will ".be Omar

It was a fabricated tradition that Abu Hurayra had invented with adorned words years after the death of Omar. It came out just like what the policy of the upper class wanted and the public at that time jogged with it joyfully. The hostile Umayyad policy against Imam ´Ali (a.s.) and the Hashimites required raising Abu Bakr and Omar to the position of .the prophets and the infallible saints

The masses were so ardent with the victories achieved during the reign of the two caliphs, Abu Bakr and Omar, so Abu Hurayra flattered both; the ruler and the ruled people by this tradition and the likes, therefore he got a favoured position near the rulers and among the public. If Abu Hurayra had told of these traditions during the lifetime of Omar, the caliph's stick would have got its share from his back, but the space was free for him to .talk whatever he liked

It was well-known for the discerners and the prudent that those, whom the angels talked with, were either prophets or prophets' guardians, who all were infallible. The angels talked with the prophets face to face but as

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۱- .Rfer to al-Qastalani's book Irshad as-Sari, vol.۴, pg.۳۴۹

۲- - Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of "Beginning of creation", section on narrations from Abu al-Yamaan and others, pg. ۱۷۱

for the guardians, Allah (S.w.T.) inspired them with the truth as if an angel talked with .them, but in fact no talker was there

No doubt that Omar got a high status in Islam and did well for the umma, but he was not a .prophet nor an infallible guardian, so the angels would not talk with him

Moreover that the doings of Omar during the life of the Prophet (S.) and after his life didn't .fit him to be talked with by the angels at all

The heritage of the Prophet (S.) is for charity (۲۰

The two sheikhs mentioned(۱) that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) said: My heirs are not to divide a dinar of mine among them. What I have left, after taking away the ".spending of my wives and my employee, is to be for charity

This tradition was narrated by Abu Bakr only. He used it as an excuse to prevent Fatima az-Zahra' (the daughter of the Prophet) her heritage after the death of her father. The two sheikhs and others mentioned that Aa'isha (the Prophet's (S.) wife) said(۲): "Fatima, the daughter of the Prophet (S.), sent to Abu Bakr asking him for her father's heritage. Abu Bakr said: "The Prophet (S.) said: We don't bequeath. What we leave is to be for charity."(۳) Abu Bakr refused to give her anything of her father's heritage. Fatima became very angry with Abu Bakr. She deserted him and didn't talk to him until she died. She lived six months after her father's death. When she died, her

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Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of Jihad, section on expenditure of Prophet's -۱ .wives, pg.۱۲۵ and Muslim's Sahih, vol.۲, pg.۷۴

Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۳ section on battle if Khaibar, pg.۳۷-, Muslim's Sahih, -۲ .vol.۲, pg.۷۲ and Ahmed's Musnad, vol.۱, pg.۶

.This tradition was denied by Fatima and all the infallible imams -۳

husband buried her in the night (as she wanted in her will) (١)and Abu Bakr didn't offer the .prayer (for the dead) for her

Yes, she became very angry. She wore her hijab(٢) and left her house with her companions of women. Her gait was just the same as her father's, until she came to Abu Bakr, who was among a crowd of Muhajireen, Ansar and others. They put a veiling between her and them. She moaned and made all the attendants sob. The gathering shook. She waited a while until their sob and passion calmed down. She began her speech with praising Allah (S.w.T.). She went on her speech that made the sights submit and the souls surrender. She would bring them back to the right way, but the politics overcame !every thing then

He, who heard her speech she made in that day,(٣) would know what there were between her and the people(۴) (Abu Bakr, Omar...). She proved her rights with clear evidences .derived from the holy Qur'an that couldn't be denied

:She said: "Did you turn your backs purposely to the book of Allah (S.w.T.), who said

,And Sulaiman was Dawood's heir) ٢٧:١۶)

:and said when he talked about Zechariah

grant me from Thyself an heir, who should inherit me and inherit from the children of) ,Yaqoub, and make him, my Lord, one in whom Thou art well pleased) ١٩:۵-۶

and the possessors of relationships are nearer to each other in the ordinance of Allah) ,(S.w.T.)) ٨:٧۵

Allah (S.w.T.) enjoins)

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.Refer to Irshad as-Sari, vol.٨, pg.١۵٧ -١

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Refer to at-Tabarsi's book al-Ihtijaj and Bihar al-Anwar. Some of the Sunni historians -٣ mentioned this speech in their books like Abu Bakr Ahmed bin Abdul Aziz aj-Jawhari in his

book Kitab as-Saqifa and Fadak. Refer to Sharh an-Nahj al-Hameedi, vol.۴, pg.٨٧, pg.٩٣ .and pg.٩۴

She said to Abu Bakr when he refused to give her her father's heritage: "O Abu Bakr, if -۴ you die, who will inherit you?" He said: "My sons and family." She said: "Then why did you inherit the prophet's heritage instead of his offspring and family?" He said: "I didn't, daughter of the prophet." She said: "Certainly you did. You took Fadak (a large planted area), which was the prophet's own property and prevented us from what Allah (S.w.T.) had revealed from the heaven to be ours." Refer to Abu Bakr bin Abdul Aziz's book Kitab as-Saqifa and Fadak, vol.۴, pg.٨٧. It was also mentioned in pg.٨٢, that when Fatima asked Abu Bakr for her heritage, he said to her: "I heard the prophet saying: "A prophet doesn't bequeath." But I support whomever the prophet supported and spend on whomever the prophet spent on." She said: "O Abu Bakr, do your daughters inherit you but the prophet's daughters don't inherit their father?" He said: "It is so." Ahmed also mentioned such a tradition in his Musnad, vol.١, pg.١٠. Aj-Jawhari mentioned in Kitab as-Saqifa and fadak, vol.۴, pg.٨١ a tradition narrated by Um Hani bint Abu Talib that Fatima said to Abu Bakr: "If you die, who will inherit you?" He said: "My offspring and family." She said: "Then why do you inherit the prophet instead of us?" He said: "O daughter of the messenger of Allah (S.w.T.), your father didn't leave anything." She said: "Yes, he did. It was the share, which Allah (S.w.T.) made for us (according to the Qur'an) and became our property, which is now in your hands." He said to her: "I heard the prophet saying: "It (Fadak) is aliment that Allah (S.w.T.) gave to us and when I die, it will be for the Muslims." There was an other speech of Fatima(S.) concerned the caliphate mentioned in aj-Jawhari's book Kitab as-saqifa and Fadak, vol.۴, pg.٨٧ that Fatima bint al-Hussayn said: "When Fatima, the daughter of the Prophet (S.) became very sick, the women of the Muhajireen and the Ansar gathered around her and asked her: "How are you, daughter of the prophet?" She said: "I hated your evil life and detested your men..." it was also mentioned by Imam AbulFadhl Ahmed bin Abu Tahir in his book Balaghat an-Nissa', pg.٢٣, al-Majlisi in his book .Bihar al-Anwar and by at-Tabarsi in his al-Ihtijaj

you concerning your children: The male shall have the equal of the portion of two :females) ۴:١١ and said

Bequest is prescribed for you when death approaches one of you, if he leaves behind) wealth for parents and near relatives, according to usage, a duty (incumbent) upon those .who guard (against evil)) ٢:١٨٠

Then she said: "Had Allah (S.w.T.) specialized you with a verse of the Qur'an and excluded my father? Are you more aware of the Qur'an than my father and my cousin (Ali)? Or you ?"say: those of two different religions are not to bequeath each other

She argued with them by showing evidences from the holy Qur'an, which confirmed clearly that the prophets bequeathed their offspring through the verses about David and Zechariah. She was, definitely, more aware of the essence of the Qur'an than those, who came lately after the revelation of the Qur'an and distorted the meaning of heritage from properties to prophecy and wisdom without any evidence. They just played with the real meaning of the words! If that was true, Abu Bakr and the other attendants of Muhajireen and Ansar at that time would disagree with her about that.(١) There were some evidences confirming inheriting properties by the prophets as mentioned by Alam al-Huda in his (book ash-Shafi.(٢

Then she argued with them justifying her right of heritage by showing them the other Qur'anic verses concerning heritage. If she was different from the others in this concern, her father and her cousin would definitely explain it

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They didn't disagree with her about the Prophet's inheritage (whether it was - ١ knowledge and wisdom away from properties) or anything other. They only expropriated her heritage, where Abu Bakr said: "O daughter of the Prophet, Allah (S.w.T.) hadn't created any one more beloved to me than your father, the prophet Muhammad(S.). I wished the sky would fall over the earth when your father died. I swear by Allah (S.w.T.), that if Aa'isha (Abu Bakr's daughter) becomes needy is better for me than you to be needy. Do I give the white and the red (people) their rights and I wrong you with your right, while you are the daughter of the Prophet? This wealth was not the Prophet's own

property but it was of the Muslims. He spent it for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.). When he died I became responsible for it." She said: "I will never talk to you after now." He said: "But I won't desert you." She said: "I will pray Allah (S.w.T.) against you." He said: "I will pray Allah (S.w.T.) for you." Before she died she recommended that Abu Bakr not to pray the prayer of the dead for her. Refer to Kitab as-Saqifa and Fadak, vol,۴, pg.۸۰, you will find that he didn't disagree with her about the meaning of inheriting when she mentioned the two verses of David and Zechariah, but he pretended that that wealth was not the Prophet's. She wasn't satisfied for she was the best aware of her father's affairs. But there is no .power save in Allah (S.w.T.), the Almighty, the Exalted

۲ - Alam al-Huda considered that Zechariah was afraid from his cousins to inherit his wealth, for he had no son, and they were evil and lewd. It was not possible that they would be prophets or pious wise men that he feared they would inherit his rank of knowledge, wisdom and prophecy, but he was afraid that they would inherit his wealth and spend it in their ravage and corruption, therefore he asked his god to grant him a boy to be worthier to inherit his wealth than his evil cousins. Alam al-Huda also considered that when Zechariah asked his god to make his inheritor be content that meant inheriting his wealth. If Zechariah meant inheriting of the prophecy, it would be nonsense to ask his god to make his son be content exactly as saying: O Allah (S.w.T.), send us a prophet and .make him be honest and not a liar

to her and would not let her be liable to appear as ignorant in asking for what she didn't deserve and to disgrace herself and dignity by arguing without any evidence that it wouldn't result but enmity. It was impossible for the Prophet (S.) and his guardian to do .so

The prophet Muhammad (S.) was very fond of his daughter Fatima Az-Zahra' and cared for her much more than the kind fathers with their children. He embraced her with his warm mercy and was ready to sacrifice himself for her.(۱) He was very happy to be with .her. He had much care to bring her up with the highest of morals and dignity

He tried his best to educate her. He fed her with the knowledge of Allah (S.w.T.) and the Shari'ah, until she reached the top of every virtue and nobleness of character. After all, would he keep secret what concerned her legal duties? Allah (S.w.T.) forbid! How would he do that and let her put up with all what she met after his death because of the heritage? How would he cause sedition to the umma because of the heritage? Certainly not! He was .far above that

Did her husband, the Prophet's (S.) special friend and brother, ignore this tradition in spite of his great knowledge and wisdom and that he was the first to be a Muslim, the Prophet's (S.) cousin and son-in-law besides his honour, high position, guardianship and ?the special respect the Prophet (S.) had towards him

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Once he mentioned her and said: "Her father sacrifices himself for her." He repeated -۱ that three times in a tradition narrated by Ahmed bin Hanbal and by ibn Hajar in his book .as-Sawa'iq al-Muhriqa, pg.۱۰۹

Why did the Prophet (S.) keep it a secret and not reveal it to Imam ´Ali (a.s.), who had all ?those virtues and noble qualities that no one else had

What about all of the Hashimites, who never heard of this tradition until they became astonished by hearing it after the death of the Prophet (S.)? Why didn't the Prophet's (S.) wives know anything about this tradition that they sent Othman to ask for them about their shares from the Prophet's (S.) heritage?(۱) How was it possible for the Prophet (S.) to tell someone, who didn't have anything to do with his heritage, about it and not to tell his real heirs? The Prophet's (S.) conduct was not so. He announced the divine orders frankly. It was never told that he kept the legal laws a secret. He treated his tribe and relative so .kindly and solemnly

There was still a word said by Fatima (S.) that invoked the zeal of people and moved their fury at most. It was her saying: "or do you say that those of two different religions are not to bequeath each other?" That was to say: when you prevented me my father's heritage, you wanted to say that I was not on the religion of my father (not a Muslim) and if you proved that (I am not a Muslim) you would have a legal excuse for preventing me my !father's heritage. We don't seek save Allah (S.w.T.)'s judgement

Anyhow Fatima (S.) failed to get her

Refer to Kitab as-Saqifa and Fadak by Abu Bakr aj-Jawhari and refer to Sharh an-Nahj -۱ .al-Hameedi, vol.۴, pg.۸۳

heritage because of this tradition, which the caliph alone, told of. It was not narrated by any other than him. It might be said that it was narrated by Malik bin Ouss bin al-Hadthan.(۱)

It was said that Ali and al-Abbas(۲) went to Omar during his caliphate to judge between them. Othman, Abdur Rahman, az-Zubayr and Sa'd(۳) were there with the caliph. The caliph said to them: "Do you know that the Prophet (S.) had said: (We (the prophets) don't bequeath. What we leave is to be for charity)." The attendants were obliged to believe him. It was not possible for them except to submit to the two caliphs' sayings especially at that time.

As for Abu Hurayra, he was nothing to be mentioned at those days. No one listened to him or paid any attention for him. Moreover, he was accused of his bad accent. He didn't dare, with those great figures, to tell of Hadith. In fact, he didn't find himself fit to join those, whom the caliph trusted and listened to, therefore he didn't say any word about this subject at that time until all the great companions died and countries like Sham,(۴) Egypt, Africa, Iraq, Persia, India and other countries were conquered and their peoples became Muslims.

The Muslims entered a new era. Then the Umayyads praised Abu Hurayra and raised his name and mention. They take off his dress of obscurity and made him bloom after his fade. It became easy for him to say whatever he

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۱- Refer to Sharh an-Nahj al-Hameedi, vol.۴, pg.۹۱.

۲- The prophet and Ali's uncle.

۳- Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۲ section on khums, pg. ۱۲۴.

۴- Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Lebanon.

liked. So he began to tell the public of what made them like him and be attached to him. Hence he flattered the rulers and the public by this tradition, which boosted their beloved .caliph among the general public

Abu Talib refuses to say Shahada (۲۱

Abu Hurayra said: "The prophet Muhammad (S.) said to his uncle Abu Talib: "Say that there is no god but Allah (S.w.T.) and I will witness it for you in the day of Resurrection." His uncle said: "I would say it to comfort you but I was afraid that Quraysh would blame me and say that he did it because of impatience." Therefore, Allah (S.w.T.) revealed to the :Prophet (S.) this verse

Surely you cannot guide whom you love, but Allah (S.w.T.) guides whom He pleases) ۲۸:۵۶)

Abu Hurayra said in another place: "The Prophet (S.) said to his uncle when he was dying: "Say that there is no god but Allah (S.w.T.) and I will witness it for you in the Day of Resurrection." His uncle refused to say. Therefore Allah (S.w.T.) revealed to the Prophet :(.(S

(Surely you cannot guide whom you love, but Allah (S.w.T.) guides whom He pleases).(۱)

Abu Talib, may Allah (S.w.T.) have mercy upon him, died in the tenth year of the prophethood of Muhammad (S.) , i.e. three years before hijra. It was also said that he died in the ninth or eighth year. So he died ten years before Abu Hurayra came to Hijaz. Then how could Abu Hurayra meet the Prophet (S.) and his uncle

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.Refer to Muslim's Sahih, vol.۱, pg.۳۱ -۱

while they were talking about what he narrated as if he had seen with his eyes and heard with his ears? But he was of those, whose faith and reason didn't guide their tongues!

This tradition was one of many invented by the mercenaries to flatter the enemies of Ali and his progeny. The Umayyad state tried whatever was possible to spread it. There were enough works written by the scholars that refuted this tradition and proved Abu Talib's faithfulness with definite evidences. Whoever wants to know the truth of the faithfulness of Abu Talib, the Prophet's (S.) uncle, who was responsible for the Prophet (S.) since his childhood, brought him up, secured and safeguarded him, let refer to those books.(۱)

Abu Talib said in one of his poems:

O Allah (S.w.T.), may You witness

I have believed in the mission of Muhammad.(۲)

The Prophet (S.) warns his tribe (۲۲

The two sheikhs mentioned(۳) that Abu Hurayra had said: "When Allah (S.w.T.) revealed to the Prophet (S.):

And warn your nearest relations) ۲۶:۲۱۴),

He stood up and said: "O people of Quraysh, I don't substitute for you near Allah (S.w.T.) (in the Day of Resurrection). O family of Abd Manaf, I don't substitute for you near Allah (S.w.T.). O Abbas, I don't substitute for you near Allah (S.w.T.). O Safiyya, I don't substitute for you near Allah (S.w.T.). O Fatima bint Muhammad, ask for anything of my wealth but I don't substitute for you near Allah (S.w.T.)."(۴)

This Qur'anic verse was revealed to the Prophet (S.) in the beginning of Islam and before

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۱- Refer to (al-Hujja ala ath-Thahib ila Takfeer Abu Talib) by imam Shamsuddeen Abu Ali Fakhar bin sharif Ma'd al-Musawi and Sheikh al-Abtah by seyyid Muhammad Ali Sharafuddin al-Musawi.

.Abu Talib had much poetry showing his faith -۲

Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of wills, section on whether wives and - ۳ .children are among relatives, pg.۸۶, Muslim's Sahih and Amed's Musnad

Quraysh was the great tribe living in Mecca. Abd Manaf was one of the prophet's - ۴ .grandfathers. Abbas was his uncle. Safiyya was his aunt and Fatima was his daughter

its spread in Mecca when Abu Hurayra was still in Yemen. He came to Hijaz twenty years after the revelation of this verse. He cut off the tradition and distorted it as usual according to the Umayyad policy and requirements of its propaganda against Imam ´Ali .(a.s.) and the Hashimites

When this verse was revealed to the Prophet (S.), he gathered his relatives, among whom were his uncles; Abu Talib, Hamza, al-Abbas (may Allah (S.w.T.) be pleased with them) and Abu Lahab (curse be upon him) and asked them to believe in Allah (S.w.T.). He said to them: "Who of you will support me to carry out my mission and be my brother, vizier, guardian, heir and successor?" Ali, who was the youngest of them at that time, said: "I will be your vizier in carrying your mission." The Prophet (S.) touched Ali's neck and said: "This is my brother, vizier, guardian, heir and successor. You are to listen to him and to obey (him."(۱

The Abyssinians play in the Mosque (۲۳

Al-Bukhari mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: "While the Abyssinians were playing with their bayonets in front of the Prophet (S.) in the mosque, Omar entered and began to (throw pebbles at them. The Prophet (S.) said to Omar: "Let them do that."(۲

The Prophet (S.) was far away from play and higher than levity. He knew well, more than any one else, of the prohibited actions. He would never let the ignorant to play in the mosque in front of him. He was busy, all the

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.Refer to al-Muraja'at by Sharafuddin al-Musawi -۱

.In his Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of Jihad, section on entertainment the mosque, pg.۱۲۰ -۲

time, with the divine tasks. He had no time to spend with play or in vain. He was far above to let his honoured mosque be for play and vanity.

A grievous word it is that comes out of their mouths; they speak nothing but a lie) ۱۸:۵)

Abrogation before the time of performance (۲۴

Al-Bukhari mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) sent us in a delegation and said to us: "If you find (those two men), burn them with fire!" Then he said to us when we wanted to leave: "I ordered you to burn (those two men) with fire, but no one is to torture with fire save Allah (S.w.T.). So when you find them, kill them both."(۱)

This tradition was untrue because it showed abrogation of an order before performing it. It was impossible for Allah (S.w.T.) and His apostle to do that. When the Prophet (S.) said: (burn them with fire), it was revealed to him by Allah (S.w.T.)

Nor does he speak out of desire. It is naught but revelation that is revealed) ۵۳:۳-۴),

so when the Prophet (S.) abrogated it (according to Allah (S.w.T.)'s revelation) before performing it that would show ignorance of Allah (S.w.T.)! Allah (S.w.T.) forbid! Glory be to Him, the Exalted, the Almighty.

Doing a thing in unbelievable period (۲۵

Al-Bukhari mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet Muhammad (S.) said: The holy Qur'an was eased for prophet David. He ordered his men to saddle his sumpter and he finished reciting the Qur'an before they finished saddling the sumpter."(۲)

It was impossible in two

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۱- Sahih al-Bukhari vol. ۲ chapter of Jihad, section on one does not get punished with punishment..., pg. ۱۱۴.

۲- Refer to Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۳ chapter of Quran's tafsir, section on Allah (S.w.T.)(S.w.T) gave prophet David (a.s.) the zabur, pg. ۱۰۱ and vol.۲ chapter of "Beginning of creation", same section as latter citation, pg. ۱۶۴.

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First: the holy Qur'an was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (S.) and it was not revealed ?before that. How did prophet David read it

The defenders of Abu Hurayra justified that by saying that he meant by Qur'an the (Psalms and the Torah because they were miracles as the Qur'an was.(۱

They interpreted Abu Hurayra's saying, as they liked not as he himself meant. And Allah !(S.w.T.) is the most Aware

Second: the period of saddling the sumpter was too short for David to recite the Qur'an, whether he meant the Qur'an of Muhammad or the Psalms or the Torah. It is definite that .reason doesn't accept like these impossibilities

So it was nonsense what al-Qastalani mentioned(۲) in this concern when he said: "This tradition confirmed that Allah (S.w.T.) condensed time for whomever He will of His people as He condensed distance for them. An-Nawawi said: "Some people recited all the Qur'an four times in the night and four times in the day. I had seen Abut-Tahir in Jerusalem in eight hundred and sixty-seven of hijra and I had heard then that he recited all the Qur'an more than ten times in the night and in the day. Sheikh of Islam al-Burhan bin Abu Shareef told me that Abut-Tahir had recited the Qur'an fifteen times in a day and a night. ".This is something that we cannot perceive except by referring it to the divine emanation

.It can never be possible except when we can put the world inside the egg

Reasonable people know

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.Refer to Irshad as-Sari, vol.۸, pg.۵۰۰ -۱

.ibid. vol.۷, pg.۱۸۲ and vol.۸, pg.۵۰۰ -۲

well that condensing time and distance is something unreal. Suppose that it was real. .What was the use of it then? It would certainly cause many problems

If he had talked about condensing speech, it might have been more suitable although it .would be unreal

This tradition couldn't be considered as a miracle for the prophet David(S.), because miracles were extraordinary things but what Abu Hurayra talked about in his tradition .(was (extra-reasonable

A nation was metamorphosed into mice (۲۶

The two sheikhs mentioned(۱) that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) said: "A nation of the Israelites was lost and they didn't know what they had done. I think they were metamorphosed into mice, because when mice were given camel's milk they didn't drink ".it and when they were given ewe's milk they drank

What a folly it was that even the foolish would disdain, unless they were mad. But the two sheikhs trusted in this dotard and mentioned his absurdities as evidences. If what he said did not disgrace Islam, we would put his rope on his neck and let him graze freely with his likes, but we had to defend the infallible Sunna as possible as we could because these .superstitions were the worst of defects that afflicted Islam

They deny his tradition, so he changes his mind (۲۷

Muslim mentioned that Abdul Malik bin Abu Bakr said that Abu Bakr had said: "I heard Abu Hurayra narrating in his stories(۲): "Whoever was impure when it dawned, he was not to .fast." I told Abdur Rahman of that and he asked his father. His father denied it

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Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of "Beginning of creation", section on best of a -۱ .muslim's wealth is, pg. ۱۴۹ and Muslim's Sahih, vol.۲, pg.۵۳۶

He scorned him when he regarded him as a storyteller, who took money for telling -۲ .fables

Abdur Rahman and I went to Aa'isha and Um Salama (the Prophet's (S.) wives). Abdur Rahman asked them and said to me: "Both of them said that the Prophet (S.) became impure in the morning without a wet dream(۱) and he fasted. Then we went to Marwan, who was the wali of Medina by Mu'awiya. Abdur Rahman told Marwan of that. Marwan said: "I ask you to go to Abu Hurayra to refute his saying."(۲) We went to Abu Hurayra. Abdur Rahman told him that. He said: "Did they (the Prophet's (S.) wives) say that?" he said: "Yes, they did." Abu Hurayra said: "They knew more than me. I heard that from al-Fadhl and didn't hear it from the Prophet (S.)." He changed his mind and ascribed the (tradition to al-Fadhl.(۳

It was certain that al-Fadhl had died during the reign of Abu Bakr(۴) and this case happened during the reign of Mu'awiya. So it was easy for Abu Hurayra to say that he had heard it from al-Fadhl and not from the Prophet (S.). If al-Fadhl was alive, Abu Hurayra .would not dare to say so

Two contradictory traditions (۲۸

Al-Bukhari mentioned a tradition(۵) narrated by Abu Salama that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) said: "There is no contagiousness, no Safar(۶) and no Hama.(۷)" One of the nomads asked him: "O messenger of Allah (S.w.T.), our camels move on the sands like the antelopes, but why do they, when mix with a mangy camel, become mangy?" The Prophet (S.) said: "Then, who

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۱- The prophet was more perfect, honored and glorified than what they thought. He was too far away from impurity and wet dreams especially during the days of fasting. All the .prophets had no wet dreams. They were exalted and infallible

۲- Marwan wanted to keep Abu Hurayra's fame before the news might spread and cause .him a scandal

۳- Refer to Muslim's Sahih, vol.۱, pg.۴۱۲.

۴- This was correct although it was said that he had died during the reign of Omar. Any how, he had died before this case happened. Refer to al-Fadhl's biography in Isti'ab, .Issaba, Osdul Ghaba, ibn Sa'd's Tabaqat and other books

۵- Refer to his Sahih, vol.۴ section on "There is no Hama", pg.۱۵ and Muslim's Sahih, vol.۲,

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Perhaps he denied what the Arabs thought that in this month (Safar) misfortunes - ۶ .happened, especially the last Wednesday of it

A bird, which the pre-Islam Arabs pretended that the soul or the bones of the dead - ۷ turned into. Islam refuted this superstition. It might also be said that hama was the owl, .which they saw an evil omen in, and when Islam came refuted that

?"infected the first one

Directly after this tradition, al-Bukhari mentioned another one narrated by Abu Salama that he had heard Abu Hurayra saying: "The Prophet (S.) said: "No sick is to mix with a healthy one." Abu Salama said to Abu Hurayra: "Didn't you narrate that there is no infection." He denied his first tradition(۱) and began to murmur in Abyssinian."(۲)

!This, always, was the state of those, who walk in two different ways

This is a sufficient exposition for the people and that they may be warned thereby, and) that they may know that He is One God and that those possessed of understanding may .mind) ۱۴:۵۲

Two newborn babies talking about the unseen (۲۹

The two sheikhs mentioned(۳) a tradition narrated by Abu Hurayra that the Prophet (S.) had said: "There was an Israelite man called Jurayj. While he was offering his prayer, his mother came and called him. He said with himself: "Do I answer her or offer my prayer?" His mother said: "O Allah (S.w.T.), don't let him die until he meets prostitutes." One day, while Jurayj was in his hermitage, a prostitute came to seduce him. He refused to respond to her. She went to a shepherd and made love with him. She gave birth to a boy .and pretended it was Jurayj's son

People came to him, destroyed his hermitage, brought him down and abused him. He made wudu' (۴), offered prayer and came to the newborn baby. He asked the baby: "Who is your father?" The newborn baby said: "My father is the

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۱- The tear became wider for the patcher to repair.(a proverb). How would the defenders of Abu Hurayra interpret these two traditions to avoid the contradiction between them?

۲- He murmured in Abyssinian for his Arabic failed him after being confused what to say.

۳- Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of Madhalem, section on if a wall was destroyed should be rebuilt pg. ۴۹, and also in vol. ۲ chapter of "Beginning of creation" section on Lady Maryam (s.a.) pg. ۱۶۷, also in vol.۱, pg.۱۴۳; and Muslim's Sahih, vol.۲ chapter on obedience and kindness to parents, keeping kinship ties and manners, section

.on kindness to parents higher in priority than optional prayers, pg.۳۷۷

?Didn't Abu Hurayra know that wudu' was not legislated before Islam -۴

shepherd." The people said to Jurayj: "We shall build your hermitage with gold." He said: "Nothing but clay." While an Israelite woman was suckling her baby, a man on his sumpter ".passed by her. She said: "O Allah (S.w.T.), make my son be like him

The baby left its mother's breast, came near the man and said: "O Allah (S.w.T.), don't make me be like him." Then it came back to suckle his mother's breast. (Abu Hurayra said: as if I looked at the Prophet (S.) suckling his finger!). Then the mother passed by a bondwoman. She said: "O Allah (S.w.T.), don't make my son be like this bondwoman." The baby left its mother's breast and said: "O Allah (S.w.T.), make me be like her." The mother asked her baby: "Why did you do that?" The baby said: "That man on the sumpter was one ".of the tyrants, but as for that bondwoman, people said: "Zaynab stole" but she didn't

Neither Jurayj was a prophet nor any of the two babies. There was not any reason for miracles to happen. What these two babies did, was against

the nature made by Allah (S.w.T.) in which He has made men; there is no altering of Allah) .(S.w.T.)'s creation; that is the right religion, but most people do not know) ۳۰:۳۰

His Responsibility in Keeping Zakat of Fitra and Satan Trying to Steal From it For Three (۳۰ Nights

Al-Bukhari mentioned(۱) that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet Muhammad (S.) entrusted me with keeping the zakat of Ramadan. Someone came (to my house) and began to gather some food (of the

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In his Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of Wikala section on if a man gives money to another and -۱ .asks him to act on his behalf, pg.۲۹

zakat). I caught him and said: "By Allah (S.w.T.), I will take you to the Prophet (S.)." He said: "I am very needy and I have children." I set him free. In the morning the Prophet (S.) said to me: "What did your captive do last night?" I said: "He complained to me that he was in ".need and had hungry children. I had pity for him and set him free

The Prophet (S.) said: "He told you a lie. He will come again." I watched him. He came and began to gather some food. I caught him and said I would take him to the Prophet (S.). He said: "I am in need and have children. Let me go and I won't come back again." In the morning the Prophet (S.) said to me: "What did your captive do last night?" I said: "He complained to me that he was in need and had children. I felt pity for him and set him free." The Prophet (S.) said: "He told you a lie. He will come back again." I watched him in the third night. He came and began to gather some food. I caught him and said that I .(.would take him to the Prophet (S

He said: "Let me teach you some words, which Allah (S.w.T.) will benefit you with. When you go to bed, recite the Qur'anic verse (al-Kursi). You will be kept by an angel and the Satan won't near you until the morning." I

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set him free. In the morning, the Prophet (S.) said to me: "What did your captive do last night?" I told him all what happened. He said to me: "Do you know with whom you talked ".for the last three nights?" I said: "No, I don't." he said: "He was the Satan

This was a superstition, which no one would believe except he who lost his whit or was brainsick. Abu Hurayra declined with this tradition into a deep hole. When he felt pity for the thief, it meant that he believed him. In believing the thief, Abu Hurayra denied the .saying of the Prophet (S.), when he said to him: "He told you a lie" for three times

Abu Hurayra fell to the bottom on the other side when he swore by Allah (S.w.T.) that he would take the thief to the Prophet (S.) but he broke his swear and had pity for the thief and set him free in the first, the second and the third time. Was breaking his swear ?according to Abu Hurayra's thought permissible

There was a third fall, which could not be forgiven. Abu Hurayra was not permitted to give from the zakat but he was entrusted to keep it only as he said in the beginning of the tradition.(۱) So how did he let the thief take from the zakat? Was it permissible for the trustee to breach his deposit for three times? After this breach, could he be described as ?trusty

What strange stories

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.Refer to al-Gastalani's Irshad as-Sari, vol.۵, pg.۲۳۱ -۱

Abu Hurayra told us about his Satan! Sometimes he said that he came to steal some food for his children. In another time he said that he would run away with his fart, if he heard azan. In a third time he said that the Satan was tied to a pole in the mosque to be seen by people and many other stories, which the reasonable and wise men would disdain to !listen to them. We pray Allah (S.w.T.) to save us from the torpor of mind

His Mother Becomes a Muslim by the Prophet (S.)'s Pray (٣١

Muslim mentioned(١) that Abu Hurayra had said: "I used to invite my mother to be a Muslim when she was polytheist. One day when I invited her for that, she abused the Prophet (S.). I went to the Prophet (S.) and I was crying. I said to him: "My mother abused you. Please, pray Allah (S.w.T.) to guide her." He said: "O Allah (S.w.T.), may You guide Abu Hurayra's mother." I went out happily. When I got home, I found the door closed. My ".mother heard my steps. She said: "Stay where you are, Abu Hurayra

I heard the murmur of water. She washed and put on her garment and veil and then she opened the door. She said: "I witness that there is no god but Allah (S.w.T.) and that Muhammad is his slave and messenger." I went back to the Prophet (S.) and I was crying because of happiness. I said to the Prophet (S.): "Be delighted! Allah (S.w.T.) responded to your

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in his Sahih, vol.٢, pg.٣۵٧, Ahmed's Musnad, vol.٢.٣١٩, ibn Sa'd's Tabaqat, vol.۴, pg.۵۴ and -١ .ibn Hajar in his book al-Issaba

pray. He guided my mother." The Prophet (S.) praised Allah (S.w.T.). I said to him: "O messenger of Allah (S.w.T.), pray Allah (S.w.T.) to endear me and my mother to the believers and to endear them to us." He said: "O Allah (S.w.T.), endear Your this slave and his mother to the believers and endear the believers to them." So every believer, who ".heard of me or saw me, loved me

:We have some notes about this tradition

First: this tradition was not narrated from the Prophet (S.) by anyone except Abu Hurayra .alone. So it is to be considered as its likes

Second: if his mother was polytheist, insisted on polytheism and unbelief, refused to be a Muslim, and abused the Prophet (S.) whenever she was invited to be Muslim so why did she emigrate from Yemen, her birthplace and country, to Medina, the country of Islam and the capital of the Prophet (S.) and his assistants? Why did she not stay, as she was, in her country with her idols like the rest of the people of Yemen at that time? How will the defenders of Abu Hurayra answer this question? Do they know anything about her migration, being a Muslim and other things about her mentioned by any one rather than ?Abu Hurayra

If they have anything about her, let them lead us to it. I, by Allah (S.w.T.), did not find any of the companions mentioned her except the caliph Omar when he deposed Abu Hurayra from the emirate

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of Bahrain. He said to him: "Omayma begot you just to graze donkeys." This did not show more than knowing her name. The historians mentioned her according to what Abu .Hurayra said about her and no one else

Third: Abu Hurayra was one of the most destitute inhabitants of suffa. He asked people in the roads for a bite to keep him alive. You heard him talking about himself during the reign of the Prophet (S.) that he often fainted between the minbar of the Prophet (S.) and the room of Aa'isha and the comers put their feet on his neck thinking he was mad but he had no madness. It was just because of hunger. You heard his confession about himself and the rest of the inhabitants of suffa. They had no relatives and no houses. They used to sleep in the mosque. The suffa of the mosque was their home day and night. Abu Hurayra was the most famous of those who lived in the suffa. In fact he was the introducer of the suffa. So wherefrom did he get that house, which he talked about in this ?tradition

Fourth: if what Abu Hurayra said in this tradition was true, it would be one of the signs of the prophecy and evidences of Islam where Allah (S.w.T.) responded to the prayer of the Prophet (S.) immediately and guided Abu Hurayra's mother and turned her from being excessive in unbelief and aberration into being an obedient faithful.(۱) The signs and miracles

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Abu Hurayra said that she washed up and put on her garment and veil then she opened -۱ .the door

of the prophecy were so famous and spread. All of the companions told of them. Why did ?they turn their backs to this sign that no one of them narrated except Abu Hurayra

Fifth: if it was true that the Prophet (S.) prayed to Allah (S.w.T.) for Abu Hurayra and his mother to endear them to the believers and to endear the believers to them, the family of the Prophet (S.), who were the masters of the believers and the leaders of the umma and the religion, would love him. If it was so then why did the twelve imams and the jurisprudents of their followers degrade him and not have any regard to his traditions? They did not pay any attention to his traditions. Imam ´Ali (a.s.) said:(١) "The falsest of ".people, or he said: the falsest of the living people is Abu Hurayra ad-Doussi

If Abu Hurayra was beloved by the believers and they were beloved by him, then Omar, when he deposed him from the emirate of Bahrain, would not say to him: "O enemy of Allah (S.w.T.) and enemy of his Qur'an, you stole the wealth of the Muslims...etc." How would the enemy of Allah (S.w.T.) be beloved by the believers and they be beloved by ?him

Once Omar stroke him on the chest(٢) that made him fall to the ground. Another time he beat him with his stick until he wounded his back and took from him ten thousand dinars he had stolen them from the treasury

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There were many traditions narrated by the infallible imams having the same meaning. -١
.Refer to Sharh an-Nahj al-Hameedi by Abu Ja'far al-Iskafi vol.١, pg.٣۶٠
.Refer to Muslim's Sahih, vol.١, pg.٣۴ -٢

of the Muslims. He beat him in the third time when he said to him(١): "You narrated too many traditions of the Prophet (S.) and I think you fabricated and told lies." One day Omar said to him angrily: "You have to leave narrating traditions or I will expel you to the land of Yemen or the land of monkeys."(٢)

There were many other events happened between Abu Hurayra and Abdullah bin Abbas and between him and Aa'isha and others that didn't show any sense of love.

Yes, there was mutual love between him and the family of Abul Aass and Abu Sufyan. His traditions endeared him to them for they found their long-sought goal in them to spread their false propaganda. What endeared them to him was their favors and gifts. They bloomed him after his fade and famed him after his obscurity. Marwan bin al-Hakam often appointed him as his deputy whenever he left Medina.(٣)

He married him to Bisra bint Ghazwan, whom he would not glance at unless the Umayyads did that. When he became sick before his death, Marwan often visited him, gifted him and prayed for him to be recovered. When Abu Hurayra died, Marwan was in front of the funeral. Othman's sons carried his coffin until they got to Baqee'. Al-Waleed bin Otba bin Abu Sufyan offered the prayer for the dead and sent a messenger to his uncle, Mu'awiya, telling him about the death of Abu Hurayra. Mu'awiya ordered to pay Abu Hurayra's heirs

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١- Refer to Sharh an-Nahj al-Hameedi, vol.١, pg.٣٦٠.

٢- Refer to Kanzul Ommal by ibn Assakir tradition number ۴٨۵٧, vol.۵, pg.٢٣٩.

٣- Refer to ibn Sa'd's Tabaqat, ibn Qutayba's Ma'arif and Ahmed's Musnad.

ten thousand dinars and to treat them well. You saw the care and favors of the Umayyads towards Abu Hurayra and his devotion to serve them. Were they the believers, whom ?Allah (S.w.T.) endeared to him and endeared him to according to his terminology

The Servant of Abu Hurayra (۳۲

Al-Bukhari mentioned(۱) that Abu Hurayra had said: "When I came (from Yemen) to meet :the Prophet (S.) (in Medina) I said in the way

!What a long troubled night it was

.But I was saved from the land of unbelief

My servant escaped on my way to Medina. I came to the Prophet (S.) and paid homage to him. While I was with the Prophet (S.), my servant appeared. The Prophet (S.) said to me: ".(."O Abu Hurayra, this is your servant." I said: "I set him free for the sake of Allah (S.w.T

Abu Hurayra did confuse the minds and did astonish the feelings! He said that he grew up as orphan and when he emigrated, he was very destitute. He was employed by so and so just for feed. He led their sumpters when they rode and served them when they got off. After that he pretended that he had a servant when he emigrated and then set him free for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.)! It was clear that he told of this tradition in the last days of his .life when he enjoyed the comfort of the Umayyads' favors

,So he forgot how he was during his migration, after and before it when he was starving

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As in his Sahih, vol.۳ story of Doos and al-Tufail bin Amro, pg.۵۵ and refer to ibn Sa'd's -۱ .Tabaqat

empty handed, dejected and gloomy. His gut moaned and his intestines croaked. He was thrown on the road depending upon his liver because of hunger, asking the passers by for a bite to keep him alive. He himself said: "I swear by Allah (S.w.T.), who there is no god but ".Him, I depended on my liver because of hunger. I put a rock on my stomach… etc

He said in another tradition: "I often fainted between the minbar of the Prophet (S.) and the room of Aa'isha. The comers put their feet on my neck thinking I was mad. But it was no madness, it was hunger." He has many other sayings, which showed that he did not care for disgrace and that contempt did not pain him. All what he wanted was to satiate his empty stomach. So wherefrom did he get that servant whereas he was in that ?miserable condition

If we asked Abu Hurayra that how the Prophet (S.) knew the servant when he just came in, we would embarrass his highness for the Prophet (S.) did not know the servant before! Perhaps Abu Hurayra had such exaltedness and magnificence that was the cause of !heavenly inspiration to the Prophet (S.) in regards to him and his servant

An Imaginative Story about Charity (۳۳

Muslim mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: "Prophet Muhammad (S.) said: "While a man was in the desert, he heard a voice in one of the clouds saying: "Go and water the farm of that man (it called him by

name).” The cloud moved and rained over the farm of that man. There was a man in the farm flowing water with his spade. He asked him about his name. He answered with the same name he heard in the cloud. The farmer asked the man: “Why do you ask about my name?” He said: “I heard a voice in the cloud. It ordered the cloud to rain over your farm and mentioned your name. Would you tell me what you do with your farm?” He said: “I wait until my trees fruit then I give a third of the fruits as charity.”(۱)

This was impossible to happen for it was against the rules of nature. Abu Hurayra invented it as a fable intending to refer to the good results of charity. He ascribed it to the Prophet (S.) as he used to do with his imaginative stories. So we do not have save Allah (S.w.T.) to resort to.

Another Fable about Good Results of Fidelity (۳۴

Al-Bukhari mentioned that Abu Hurayra had said: “Prophet Muhammad (S.) said: “An Israelite man asked someone of his people to lend him one thousand dinars. He asked to bring his witnesses. He said: “Allah (S.w.T.) is a sufficient witness.” He asked him to bring his guarantor. He said: “Allah (S.w.T.) is a sufficient guarantor.” He gave him the money to be repaid at a certain date. The borrower traveled by sea. After finishing his task he tried to find a ship to come back in order to repay the money to its owner

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۱- Refer to Muslim’s Sahih, vol.۲ section on sadaqa to the needy, pg.۵۳۳.

.but he did not find any

He took a piece of wood and hollowed it out. He put the one thousand dinars with a letter into the piece of wood. He glazed it and came with it to the sea. He said: "O Allah (S.w.T.), You know that I have borrowed one thousand dinars from that man. He asked for a guarantor. I said that Allah (S.w.T.) was a sufficient guarantor and he agreed. He asked for a witness. I said that Allah (S.w.T.) was a sufficient witness and he agreed. I tried my best to find a ship to repay him his money but I could not. Now You are my depositee." He threw the money into the sea and left. The lender went to the sea hoping that a ship might bring his money. He found a piece of wood in the water. He took it home as firewood. When he broke it, he found the money and the letter."(۱) This tradition is too far .away from any regard

Neither the Shari'a nor reason would permit to throw one thousand dinars into the sea. It would not be considered as acquittance if the money did not reach its owner. The wise men considered this doing as foolishness or madness and the doer must be under interdict. If this thing happened to the Israelites or to another nation, Prophet Muhammad (S.) would not told of it without any comment in order not to encourage the believers of his umma to

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.Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۲, pg.۲۶ section on debt and lending money -۱

do like it. Anyhow it was impossible for the Prophet (S.) to say like that but Abu Hurayra worded it like the imaginative stories and ascribed it to the Prophet (S.) just to sell his .goods well

A Third Fable about Good Results of Gratefulness (۳۵

Al-Bukari mentioned a tradition narrated by Abu Hurayra that the Prophet (S.) had said: "There were three Israelite men. One was leprous, the other was bald and the third was blind. Allah (S.w.T.) wanted to try them. He sent an angel to them. The angel came to the leprous one and asked him: "What do you like the best?" He said: "A nice hue and a good skin. People disliked me." The angel patted on him and he was recovered. He was given a nice hue and a good skin. The angel asked him: "Which of wealth do like?" He said: "Camels." He was given a pregnant she-camel, which was about to beget. The angel said: ".“Allah (S.w.T.) may bless it for you

He came to the bald man and asked him: "What do you like the best?" he said: "Good hair. People disliked me." The angel patted on him and he was given good hair. The angel asked him: "Which of wealth do like?" he said: "Cows." He gave him a pregnant cow and ".said to him: "Allah (S.w.T.) may bless it for you

Then he came to the blind man and asked him: "What do you like the best?" He said: "To have my sight again." He patted on him and Allah (S.w.T.) made

him see. He asked him: "Which of wealth do you like?" He said: "Sheep." He gave him a ewe. The she-camel, the cow and the ewe bore. The first man had a valley of camels. The second had a valley of cows and the third had a valley of sheep.

The angel came to the leprous in a shape like the leprous before he was recovered and said to him: "I am a poor man. I lost everything in my travel and I have no one to help me save Allah (S.w.T.) and you. I ask you, by Him, Who gave you the pretty hue, the good skin and the wealth, to give me a camel to carry me in my travel." The man said that he had a lot of expenses and refused to give him a camel. The angel said: "I think I know you. Were you not leprous and poor and that people disliked you? Then Allah (S.w.T.) provided you with all of these blessings." He said: "I inherited that from my forefathers." The angel said: "If you told a lie, let Allah (S.w.T.) return you to what you had been before."

He came to the bald man in a shape like his shape when he was bald and poor and asked the same as he asked the leprous man. He gave the same answer. The angel said: "If you told a lie, let Allah (S.w.T.) return you to what you had been before."

Then he came to the blind

man in a shape like his when he was blind and poor and said to him: "I am poor and a wayfarer. I have nothing and there is no one to help me save Allah (S.w.T.) and you. I asked you by Him, Who gave you back your sight to give me a ewe to benefit me in my ".travel

The man said: "I was blind and Allah (S.w.T.) gave me back my sight. I was poor and Allah (S.w.T.) made me rich. You can take whatever you like. By Allah (S.w.T.), I won't prevent you from taking anything for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.)." The angel said: "I tried you all. ".Allah (S.w.T.) became pleased with you but discontented with your two friends

This tradition was one of Abu Hurayra's textiles, which he brocaded and mottled. It appeared as a modern imaginary play, which the actors play on their theatres nowadays. .He just wanted to show, by this tradition, the result of gratefulness and ungratefulness

A Fourth Imaginative Story About Injustice (۳۶

The two sheikhs mentioned a tradition narrated by Abu Hurayra(۱) that the Prophet (S.) had said: "A woman entered Hell because of a cat. She tied it. She neither fed it nor let it ".feed on insects

This tradition was denied by Aa'isha (the Prophet's (S.) wife). She said to Abu Hurayra: "The believer is more honorable near Allah (S.w.T.) than to be tortured with fire because (of a cat. When you tell of the Prophet's (S.) traditions, think well how you will tell!"(۲

A Fifth Imaginative One About Mercy (۳۷

(Al-Bukhari mentioned(۳

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Sahih Al-Bukahri vol.۲, pg. ۱۴۹ in the beginning of the book of creation. Sahih Muslim -۱ .vol.۲, pg. ۴۴۵ in the section on Allah's mercy from the book of repentance

.Refer to Irshad as-Sari, vol.۷, pg.۸۴ -۲

.Sahih,vol.۲ section on if a fly falls in someone's drink, pg.۱۵۰ -۳

a tradition narrated by Abu Hurayra that the Prophet (S.) had said: "A prostitute saw a dog panting at a well. It was about to die of thirst. She took off one of her shoes, tied it with her veil and got the dog some water from the well. Allah (S.w.T.) forgave her sins for doing ".that

Another One Like The Previous (۳۸

Al-Bukhari mentioned a tradition by Abu Hurayra that the Prophet (S.) had said: "While someone was walking in his way, he felt very thirsty. He found a well and got down to drink some water. When he got out, he found a dog panting as if it ate the earth because of thirst. The man got down, filled his shoe with water, caught the shoe with his mouth and made the dog drink. He thanked Allah (S.w.T.) and Allah (S.w.T.) forgave his sins for (that."(۱

This tradition and the previous one came out of Abu Hurayra's imagination to show the .good result of pity and mercy

Allah (S.w.T.) Forgives an Excessive Unbeliever (۳۹

Muslim mentioned that Ma'mar had said: "Az-Zuhri said to me: "Do I tell you of two wondrous traditions?(۲) Hameed bin Abdur Rahman told me that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) said: "Someone was too excessive in committing sins. When he was about to die, he ordered his sons: "If I die, you are to burn me, crush me and scatter me in the sea in a windy day. If my god seizes me(۳), He will torture me to a degree that He has never tortured any one else

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ibid. vol.۴ chapter of good manners, section on mercy of people on animals, pg. ۳۶ and -۱ .vol.۲ chapter on offering water, section on virtue of offering water, pg.۳۵

Az-Zuhri had a right to be astonished at these two traditions. All of the wise men would -۲ !be astonished at them

Notice that he didn't believe that Allah (S.w.T.) was able to resurrect him after carrying -۳ .out his will. So he unbelieved of that

".like me

They did what he ordered them to do. Allah (S.w.T.) said to the ground: "Give what you have taken!" The man was recovered as before his death. Allah (S.w.T.) asked him: "Why did you do that?" He said: "I was afraid of You, my God." Then Allah (S.w.T.) forgave his sins. Hameed told me, too, that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) said: "Some woman was entered Hell because of a cat. She tied it and neither fed it nor let it feed on (insects."(١)

If the woman, who tied the cat, was believer, as Aa'isha said, she would be more honorable near Allah (S.w.T.) than to be tortured in Hell because of a cat. If she was .unbeliever, she would be in Hell because of her unbelief

As for that excessive sinful man, he did not deserve forgiveness. He not only exceeded the limits in committing sins along his life, but also he insisted on his unbelief even when he was about to die that he was desperate of the mercy of Allah (S.w.T.). He thought Allah (S.w.T.) would not be able to resurrect him if they burned him and scattered his ashes. So .he was unbeliever. The unbeliever would never deserve forgiveness at all

The style of this tradition was like the style of the imaginative stories. The tradition tended to show that man was not to be desperate of the mercy of Allah (S.w.T.) even if he was excessive in committing sins and not to think

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Refer to Muslim's Sahih, vol.٢ chapter of Repentence, section on extent of Allah's – ١ .(S.w.T.) mercy, pg.۴۴۴

that he would be safe from His torture even if he was believer. These two facts did not need to be shown by Abu Hurayra's fables. They were confirmed clearly by the holy :Qur'an

and despair not of Allah (S.w.T.)'s mercy; surely none despairs of Allah (S.w.T.)'s mercy) except the unbelieving people) ۱۲:۸۷ (do they then feel secure from Allah (S.w.T.)'s plan? .But none feels secure from Allah (S.w.T.)'s plan except the people who shall perish) ۷:۹۹

.The holy Qur'an and the Sunna were far above this tradition and its style

Suppose that the will of that excessive sinful man was real and was a cause for his sins to be forgiven by Allah (S.w.T.), the Prophet (S.) would not tell of it without any comment! He would encourage the excessive sinful men of his umma to keep on their sins. This was, .definitely, impossible for the Prophet (S.) to do

Allah (S.w.T.) Forgives a Sinful Man Forever (۴۰

Abu Hurayra said that the Prophet (S.) had said: "Someone committed a sin and asked Allah (S.w.T.) to forgive him. Allah (S.w.T.) said: "My slave committed a sin and perceived that he had a god, who forgave the sin and punished for the sin." He committed a sin again and asked Allah (S.w.T.) to forgive him. Allah (S.w.T.) said: "My slave committed a sin and perceive that he had a god, who forgave the sin and punished for the sin." Then he committed a sin again and asked Allah (S.w.T.) to forgive him. Allah (S.w.T.) said: "My slave committed a sin

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and perceived that he had a god, who forgive the sin and punished for the sin. Do (whatever you like. I have forgiven you."(۱)

This was like his previous traditions in meaning and style. It was woven by Abu Hurayra's hands with the threads of his imagination to be like the stories of old grandmothers and storytellers. He tended to say that forgiveness of Allah (S.w.T.) was unlimited. This fact was clearly proved by the holy Qur'an, the Sunna, reason and the consensus of the umma, in fact the consensus of all nations and religions. It was one of the necessities of .Islam and the other religions. It didn't need Abu Hurayra's fables to prove it

Allah (S.w.T.) had no leniency with any one of His creatures if he committed what Allah :(S.w.T.) had prohibited. He said

And if he had fabricated against Us some of the sayings, We would certainly have seized) him by the right hand, then We would certainly have cut off his aorta and not one of you .could have withheld Us from him) ۶۹:۴۴-۴۷

After that, how would Allah (S.w.T.) compliment this sinful man, who broke his repentance many times and say to him: Do whatever you like. I have forgiven you? What for did this weak believer deserve this complement of Allah (S.w.T.) that no one of the prophets, ?apostles or the veracious got

How many such stories Abu Hurayra told the tyrants to ease their crimes and sins. He said: "The angel of death came

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Refer to Muslim's Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of repentance, section on extent of Allah's - ۱ .(S.w.T.) mercy, pg. ۴۴۵

to a dying man. He didn't find anything (deed) good of him. He opened his heart but he didn't find anything in it. He opened his jaws and found that his tongue was stuck to his jaw with the saying of (there is no god but Allah (S.w.T.)). Allah (S.w.T.) forgave him for (that."(۱

One of Abu Hurayra's absurdities was his saying: "The iqama for prayer was said and the prayers stood up in lines to offer the prayer. When the Prophet (S.) stood up in his oratory (to lead the prayers, he remembered that he was impure."(۲

Glory be to the Prophet (S.)! He was pure all his times. He was always with wudu'. All the prophets were infallible and far above what this. If what he said was ascribed to the veracious and faithful believers, away from the prophets, it would disgrace them, so how ?about the prophets

He narrated a tradition talking about forbidding preferring Prophet Muhammad (S.) to prophet Moses (a.s.).(۳) In another one he said: "Whoever said that Prophet Muhammad ((S.) was better than Yunus bin Metti (Jonah), told a lie."(۴

The umma agreed unanimously that Prophet Mohammad (S.) was preferred to all of the prophets. It was proved by clear evidences and considered to be as one of the necessities .of Islam

He narrated that the Prophet (S.) had said: "No one will earn Paradise by his deeds." They (said: "Nor you, messenger of Allah (S.w.T.)." He said: "Nor I."(۵

This tradition was to be thrown

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۱- Refer to the History of Baghdad by al-Khateeb al-Baghdadi, vol.۹, pg.۱۲۵.

۲- Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۱ chapter on ghusl, pg.۴۱.

۳- ibid. vol.۲ chapter on arguments, pg.۴۰

۴- Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of tafsir, part referring to prophet Noah, Yunus, Aaron, and Sulaiman (a.s.), pg.۸۲.

۵- Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۴ chapter of patients, section on patient wishing his death, pg.۶.

:away because it contradicted the holy Qur'an. Allah (S.w.T.) said

.Surely this is a reward for you, and your striving shall be recompensed) ۷۶:۲۲)

He narrated(۱) that the Prophet (S.) had said: "There was no prophet sent by Allah (S.w.T.), .unless he grazed sheep." This tradition was no doubt null

And his tradition(۲) that the prophet Abraham was circumcised with an adze(۳) when he .was eighty years old

He also narrated a tradition(۴) that Jesus(a.s.) saw someone stealing. He said to him: "Did you steal something?" The thief said: "No, I didn't. I swear by Him, the only God." Jesus .believed him and didn't believe his own eyes

Abu Hurayra narrated that the Prophet (S.) had said: "When Allah (S.w.T.) created Adam, he patted on his back. All human beings Allah (S.w.T.) would be creating until the Day of Resurrection fell from Adam's back like the motes. Then Allah (S.w.T.) made between the eyes of every one of them a shine of light. Allah (S.w.T.) showed them to Adam. He asked: "Who are they, my God?" Allah (S.w.T.) said: "They are your progeny." Adam (a.s.) saw someone that he admired the shine between his eyes. He asked Allah (S.w.T.) who he .was

Allah (S.w.T.) said: "He is your son David." Adam (a.s.) asked: "How long did You decide his age?" Allah (S.w.T.) said: "Sixty years." Adam said: "Take forty years from my age and add them to his age to be one hundred years." Allah (S.w.T.) said: "It will be written, sealed and

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۱- Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of hiring, section on grazing sheep, pg.۲۲.

۲- ibid. vol.۴ section on circumcision, pg.۶۵.

۳- He might inherit this adze from his forefather Noah, who had used it in making his Ark!

۴- Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol. ۲, part talking about story of Lady Maryam (s.a.), pg.۱۶۸.

never be changed." When the angel of death came to Adam to take his soul, Adam said: "There are still forty years of my age." The angel said: "Didn't you grant them to your son David?" Adam disavowed, so his progeny disavowed too."(۱)

It was like his tradition(۲) about Adam (a.s.) and Moses (a.s.) when they argued, as if they were fatalist and determinist. He showed that Adam (a.s.) overwhelmed Moses (a.s.) with many excuses that didn't fit the prophets, who must be glorified.

How fond he was of the extraordinary and unusual events. In addition to what you read in the previous pages, here are two traditions to end the chapter with:

The first: he said that once he was with al-Ala' bin al-Hadhrami when they were sent to Bahrain with an army of four thousand men. They set out until they reached a gulf in the sea, which no one had gone into before them nor anyone would go into after them. Al-Ala' grasped at the rein of his horse and walked over the water. The army followed him. I swear by Allah (S.w.T.) that no foot of ours nor a hoof of our sumpters became wet."(۳)

If this was true, it would be narrated by every one of that army, who were four thousand men. Why was it narrated by Abu Hurayra alone?

The second: he said: "I was afflicted with three misfortunes when I became a Muslim that I had never been afflicted with the same before; the death

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۱- Refer to al-Hakim's Mustadrak, vol.۲, pg.۳۲۵ and ath-Thahabi's Talkhees ul-Mustadrak.

۲- It was mentioned in Sahih of al-Bukhari, Vol.۲ chapter of "Beginning of the Creation", section on "Prophet Moses's(a.s.) Death", pg.۱۶۳.

۳- It was mentioned by Abu Bakr bin Muhammad al-Waleed al-Fihri at-Tartoushi, who was known as ibn Randa. Ad-Dimyari quoted this from him in his book Hayat al-Haywan (the life of the animals). It was also mentioned in Istee'ab and Issaba part of the biography of al-Ala'.

of the Prophet (S.) that I was his companion, the killing of Othman and the haversack." They asked: "What was the haversack?" I said: "We were with the Prophet (S.) in a travel. ".He asked me: "Is there anything with you?" I said: "Some dates in a haversack

He asked me to bring it. He touched it and prayed. He asked me to invite ten of the men. I did. They ate until they satiated. Then I invited other ten and so on until the whole army ate from the dates. The haversack still had some dates. The Prophet (S.) said to me: "If you want to take something from the haversack, enter your hand in it and never turn it over." I had been eating from this haversack along the lifetime of the Prophet (S.), Abu Bakr, Omar and Othman. When Othman was killed, the haversack was stolen. Do I tell you how much I had eaten from that haversack? I had eaten from it more than two (hundred wasaqs.(۱

No doubt that the Prophet (S.) fed a great number of people with a little food in many of his blessed days. That was one of the signs of his prophecy and mission. But this tradition especially was invented by Abu Hurayra to move the parties of the Umayyads and the mob of their followers, who were still devoted to the shirt of Othman and his wife's fingers crying and wailing. He made that to incite their favours and to

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Wasaq was a unit of measurement used by the Arabs at that time. Two hundred - ۱ .wasaqs were nearly equal to thirty-five thousand kilos

beg their charity. It was one of his amazing ways in flattering the Umayyads and requesting their favours.

What proved that it was invented by Abu Hurayra was that he dappled in this tradition like the chameleon. He narrated this tradition in many different ways, as it was well-known by the researchers, who inquired the books of Sunna and Hadith.(۱)

Abu Hurayra had a sack containing this haversack and other things. It was his bag of knowledge. He ladled out from it whatever, whenever and however he liked. He might be often asked: "Did you hear this from the Prophet (S.)?" He answered: "No, it is from Abu Hurayra's sack."(۲)

This book would not contain all the wonders of Abu Hurayra. What we mentioned of them was enough to be as evidence to prove what we aimed at. Thanks be to Allah (S.w.T.).

His Musnad is like his Mursal

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His Musnad is like his Mursal(۳)

Abu Hurayra used to ascribe what he heard of prophetic traditions from any one to the Prophet (S.) as if he himself had heard them from the Prophet (S.) directly without looking for any evidence of certainty.

If you were in doubt of that, would you please notice his saying: "Prophet Muhammad (S.) said to his uncle Abu Talib: "Say: there is no god but Allah (S.w.T.). I will witness it for you in the Day of Resurrection." His uncle said: "I am afraid that Quraysh may blame me for that."(۴)

It was certain for all that Abu Talib had died ten years before

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۱- This tradition was mentioned by Ahmed bin Hanbal in two ways and by Abu Bakr al-Bayhaqi in two ways. It was mentioned by some others in different ways with a lot of contradictions. Refer to ibn Katheer, who mentioned many of those contradictions in his

.book al-Bidaya wen-Nihaya, vol.۶, pg.۱۱۶

.Refer to Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۳ chapter of Nafaqat (expenditures), pg.۱۸۹ -۲

Musnad: a tradition that was narrated by true well-known series of narrators. Mursal: a -۳ .tradition that was narrated by unknown narrators or without mentioning the narrators

.It was mentioned by Muslim in his Sahih, vol.۱, chapter of "Faith", pg.۳۱ -۴

Abu Hurayra came to Hijaz. So where were the Prophet (S.) and his uncle talking in this tradition that Abu Hurayra narrated as if he had seen with his own eyes and heard them ?with his own ears

He said: "When Allah (S.w.T.) revealed to the Prophet (S.) (And warn your nearest relations), he stood up and said: "O people of Quraysh, I don't substitute for you near)Allah (S.w.T.) (in the Day of Resurrection).(۱

All of the jurisprudents and scholars agreed unanimously that this Qur'anic verse was revealed to the Prophet (S.) in the beginning of the Islamic mission and before declaring it in Mecca, where Abu Hurayra was still worshipping his idols in Yemen. He came to Hijaz twenty years after the revelation of this verse. He narrated this tradition as if he had been among the attendants to see the Prophet (S.) with his eyes standing up and hear him with .his ears warning his tribe

He said: "The Prophet (S.) prayed in his prayer saying: "O Allah (S.w.T.), save Salama bin Hisham, save al-Waleed bin al-Waleed, save Ayyash bin Abu Rabee'a. O Allah (S.w.T.) save the oppressed believers (who were held back by the polytheists in order not to)emigrate with the others from Mecca to Medina).(۲

This happened seven years before Abu Hurayra came to Hijaz and became a Muslim. He .narrated it as if he had been with the Prophet (S.) when he was praying

He said: "Abu Jahl said: "Does Muhammad prostrate for his god among

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It was mentioned by al-Bukhari in his Sahih, vol.۲ chapter on Wasaaya, pg.۸۶; by Muslim -۱ in his Sahih and Ahmed in his Musnad. We mentioned it in the previous chapter and .commented on it

.Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol,۲ section on asking the lord to defeat infidels, pg.۱۰۵ -۲

(you?" It was said: "Yes."(۱)

If Abu Jahl really had said that, it would have been twenty years before Abu Hurayra came from Yemen and became a Muslim. He narrated it as if he had seen and heard what happened.

Where was he from the combat of ar-Rajee' and its leader Aassim bin Thabit al-Ansari, who was martyred in it to tell of it as if he had seen everything?(۲) It happened in the month of Safar the fourth year of hijra, three years before Abu Hurayra came to Hijaz and became a Muslim.

Any one, who inquired the manner of Abu Hurayra in narrating traditions, would know that he was just as what we said. These few traditions were enough to prove that.

Ahmed Ameen noticed that and said about Abu Hurayra: "It seemed that he didn't narrate what he had heard from the Prophet (S.) only, but he narrated what he was told of by the (others."(۳)

Abu Hurayra himself confessed that. When he narrated that the Prophet (S.) had said: "Whoever was impure when it dawned, he was not to fast." Aa'isha and Um Salama denied it. He accused al-Fadhl bin al-Abbas, who was dead then,(۴) of saying that. He said that he had heard it from al-Fadhl and had not heard it from the Prophet (S.). Anyhow he confessed, whether it was true or false, that he ascribed to the Prophet (S.) what he had heard from others.

(.If you say: what of it if he ascribed to the Prophet (S

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۱- Muslim's Sahih, vol.۲, pg.۴۶۷.

۲- Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of Jihad, pg.۱۱۷.

۳- Fajrul Islam (the dawn of Islam), pg.۲۶۲.

۴- Refer to Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۱ section on waking up in state of Junub while fasting , pg.۲۲۵.

?a tradition that he had heard from another one

We say: it does not matter, but the tradition must not be considered as true tradition .unless all the series of narrators would be known and proved to be trusty

That is to say the honesty of the narrator must be proved as condition for the tradition to .be true. The tradition must not be considered as true one if the narrator was unknown

In a word, many of Abu Hurayra's traditions were such that it could not be depended upon. They mixed with his true traditions that made us avoid them all according to the .rule of suspicions

His Pretense of Attending some Events

This man obliged us to doubt him. He pretended that he had attended some events that .he had never done

He said: "Once I entered the house of Ruqayya, the Prophet's (S.) daughter and Othman's wife. She had a comb in her hand. She said: "The Prophet (S.) left just a little ago. I combed his hair. He said to me: "How do you find Abu Abdullah (Othman)?" I said: "he is good." He said to me: "Grace him! He is the most similar to me, among my companions, in morals." It was mentioned by al-Hakim,(۱) who said: "This tradition has a true series of narrators but untrue text, because Ruqayya had died in the third year of hijra during the battle of Badr, ".whereas Abu Hurayra came and became a Muslim after the battle of Khaybar

:Ath-Thahabi mentioned this tradition in his book Talkheess al-Mustadrak and said

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.Refer to his Mustadrak, vol.۴, pg.۴۸ -۱

It was true with its narrators but its text was denied for Ruqayya died at the time of the" ".battle of Badr while Abu Hurayra became a Muslim at the time of the battle of Khaybar

Abu Hurayra said: "The Prophet (S.) led us in the Zuhr or Asr prayer and he ended the prayer after two ruk'as (instead of four). Thul-Yadayn asked him: "Did you lessen the ?"prayer or forget

Thul-Yadayen was martyred in the battle of Badr some years before Abu Hurayra .became a Muslim

How many times he boasted: "We conquered Khaybar but we didn't gain gold or silver. (We gained sheep, cows, camels, wares and houses."(۱

He said so, although he never participated in the battle. He became a Muslim after the Muslims had conquered Khaybar and the battle had been finished. Thus those, who explained the tradition, were confused when they reached his saying (we conquered Khaybar). They justified it by saying that Abu Hurayra had said it metaphorically. He (referred to his Muslim fellows.(۲

He said: "We fought with the Prophet (S.) in Khaybar. The Prophet (S.) said to a man, who pretended to be a Muslim that he would be in Hell. When the fight began, the man fought courageously until he had many wounds. Some men were about to doubt the Prophet's (S.) word. The man suffered the pain of his wounds. He took some arrows out of his quiver (and suicided with them."(۳

.We have two notes about this tradition

The first: he pretended that he participated

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۱- .Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۳ section on battle of Khaibar, pg.۳۷

۲- Refer to pg.۱۵۴, vol.۸ of Irshad as-Sari and Tuhfatul Bari, which were printed together as one book. So said As-Sindi in his comment on the tradition in the margin of al-Bukhari's .Sahih

۳- Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۳ section on battle of Khaibar, pg.۳۴ and vol.۲ section on Jihad,

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in the battle with the Prophet (S.) and it was proved that he had not been there. Those, who commented on the tradition, became confused and justified that Abu Hurayra said it metaphorically because he came from Yemen after the battle of Khaybar as al-Qastalani (said.(۱

The second: the man, who killed himself, was the hypocrite Qazman bin al-Harth, the ally of the tribe of Zafar. He fought for the sake of fame. His case, which Abu Hurayra mentioned, was famous.(۲) He was killed in the battle of Uhud many years before Abu Hurayra came to Hijaz and became a Muslim. Abu Hurayra was uncertain about him, .therefore he confused everything

Abu Hurayra said: "I had seen seventy of the suffa's inhabitants that no one of them had (a dress on him."(۳

Those seventy ones were all martyred in the combat of the well of Ma'ouna. The Prophet (S.) became very sad for them. He prayed against their killers for a month. This combat took place in the fourth year of hijra, some years before Abu Hurayra came from Yemen. So how did he see them? Al-Qastalani said(۴) that the seventy ones, whom Abu Hurayra !had seen, were other than those. Allah (S.w.T.) is the most aware

After inspecting and inquiring about Abu Hurayra, we found that he often narrated prophetic traditions, which he had not heard from the Prophet (S.) and often told about the events that he had not attended or he pretended that he had attended. He might admire

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.in his book Irshad as-Sari, vol.۶, pg.۳۲۲ -۱

It was mentioned by al-Waqidi, ibn Iss-haq, ibn Hajar in his Issaba and others. This -۲ Qazman fought courageously in the battle of Uhud against the polytheists until it was said to the prophet: "No one of us did as what he did." The prophet said: "Nevertheless, he will be in Hell." He was wounded seriously. He erected his sword on the ground, pressed his chest against it and killed himself. Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۲, section on Jihad, .pg.۱۰۱

.Al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.۲, pg.۶۰ -۳

.His book Irshad as-Sari, vol.۲, pg.۲۲۰ -۴

something he had heard from Ka'bul Ahbar(۱) or another one and he narrated it as if he had heard it from the Prophet (S.) like he did in his tradition: "Allah (S.w.T.) created Adam according to His own shape in sixty cubits long and seven cubits width." All that made the believers avoid his traditions.

I wonder why those, who collected Hadith, filled their books with traditions narrated by this man without paying any attention to his wonders and oddities or without taking any notice of his fabrication and invention! If you inspected the two Sahihs of al-Bukhari and Muslim, you would wonder at the naivety of these two sheikhs. Here is an example showing this fact:

Muslim mentioned in his Sahih (the chapter of Abu Sufyan's virtues) a tradition narrated by Akrima bin Ammar al-Ijli al-Yamami that the Muslims did not look at Abu Sufyan and did not sit with him. He said to the Prophet (S.): "O messenger of Allah (S.w.T.), I ask you for three things to grant me them." The Prophet (S.) said: "Yes, I do." He said: "I have the best and the most beautiful one among the Arabs, my daughter Um Habeeba. I marry off her to you." The Prophet (S.) said: "Yes." He said: "My son Mu'awiya, you make him a clerk for you." The Prophet (S.) said: "Yes." He said: "and you order me to fight the unbelievers as I used to fight the Muslims." The Prophet (S.) said: "Yes."(۲)

It was mentioned by Muslim

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۱- A Jew later became a Muslim.

۲- Sahih of Muslim, vol.۲, pg.۳۶۱. It was untrue tradition fabricated by Akrima al-Yamami as it was confirmed by ibn Hazm. Ath-Thahabi said in his book Mizan al-I'tidal that Akrima al-Yamami fabricated a denied tradition mentioned in Muslim's Sahih about the three things that Abu Sufyan asked the prophet for. Another false tradition narrated by Akrima that the prophet had said: "Abu Bakr is the best of people." It was mentioned by ibn Adiy in his book al-Kamil, which was the best of books in distinguishing those, who fabricated tradition. Such was said by ath-Thahabi in his Mizan.

alone when he talked about the virtues of Abu Sufyan! It was considered unanimously to be null. Abu Sufyan became a Muslim forcedly after the conquest of Mecca. Before that he .was an enemy to Allah (S.w.T.) and His apostle

As for his daughter Um Habeeba, whose name was Ramla, she became a Muslim before hijra. She was one of the loyal Muslims. She was among those, who migrated to Abyssinia escaping from her father and people. The Prophet (S.) got married to her while her father was excessive in his unbelief and excessive in his fighting against the Prophet (S.). When Abu Sufyan heard that the Prophet (S.) had married his daughter, he said: "(That obstinate wouldn't be defeated)." He came to Medina tending to increase the period of the truce with the Prophet (S.). He went to his daughter's house. When he wanted to sit down, Um Habeeba, his daughter, folded the rug. He said: "Do you prevent me from sitting on your rug?" She said: "Yes, I do. This is the rug of the Prophet (S.) and you are an impure unbeliever." Most of the historians mentioned this speech when they talked about Um (Habeeba.(١

Thanks be to Allah (S.w.T.) for His guidance. Thanks be to Allah (S.w.T.), Who made us able to distinguish the truth. Allah (S.w.T.)'s blessing and peace be upon our Prophet .(.Muhammad (S

The Foremuslims deny his Traditions

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People denied and disapproved the excessiveness of Abu Hurayra in narrating traditions at his time. He exceeded all the limits and

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Refer to an-Nawawi's Sharh, printed in the margins of Irshad as-Sari and Tuhfat al- -١ .Bari, vol.١١, pg.٣۶٠

had a peculiar style that made people doubt him and doubt his traditions. They denied the quantity and the quality of his traditions and blamed him frankly.

He himself said: "People say that Abu Hurayra tells too many of traditions. Allah (S.w.T.) is the judge in the hereafter. They say that why the Muhajireen and the Ansar don't tell like what he tells"...

He confessed that both the quantity and the quality of his traditions were subject to denying, therefore he threatened them painfully where he said: "Allah (S.w.T.) is the judge in the hereafter." He showed at the end of this tradition that unless he was obliged according to his legal duties, he would never tell of anything at all for they doubted him. He said: "I swear by Allah (S.w.T.) that unless these two verses:

(Surely those who conceal the clear proofs and the guidance that We revealed after We made it clear in the Book for men, these it is whom Allah (S.w.T.) shall curse, and those who curse shall curse them (too) Except those who repent and amend and make manifest (the truth), these it is to whom I turn (mercifully); and I am the Oft-returning (to mercy), the Merciful)(1)

were in the Qur'an, I would never tell you of anything at all."(2) It was clear to prove what we said.

Another clearer one narrated by Abu Razeen(3) that he said: "Abu Hurayra came out to us, beat his front with his hand and said: "You say that Abu

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1- Qur'an, ۲:۱۵۹-۱۶۰.

2- Mentioned by al-Bukhari and Muslim in their Sahihs. We will mention it with comments in the next chapter inshAllah (S.w.T).

3- Muslim's Sahih, vol.۲, chapter of clothing, section on using right foot first in wearing shoes, pg.۲۱۷.

".Hurayra ascribes lies to the Prophet (S.) so that you will be guided and I will go astray

When he came to Iraq with Mu'awiya and saw the big crowd, who came to meet him, he knelt on his knees and began to beat his baldhead to draw their attention. When they gathered around him, he said: "O people of Iraq, do you pretend that I ascribe lies to the Prophet (S.) to burn myself in Hell?...and he began to abuse Imam ´Ali (a.s.) to flatter the (Umayyads.(۱

What sufficed this concern that those, who denied his traditions and criticized him, were of the great companions. Ahmed Ameen said(۲) about Abu Hurayra: "The companions often criticized him for his excessiveness in narrating prophetic traditions and doubted him (to be a liar) according to what Muslim mentioned in his Sahih." Then he mentioned .two traditions from Muslim's Sahih showing Muslim's criticism and doubt in Abu Hurayra

Mustafa Sadiq ar-Rafi'ei said in this concern: "The most in narrating traditions among the companions was Abu Hurayra. His companionship with the Prophet (S.) was three years only, therefore Omar, Othman, Ali and Aa'isha denied his traditions and doubted him. He was the first narrator in the history of Islam to be doubted (accused of fabricating). (Aa'isha was the most extreme of those, who denied his traditions."(۳

(An-Nazzam said: "Omar, Othman, Ali and Aa'isha considred Abu Hurayra as liar."(۴

Ibn Qutayba said:(۵) "An-Nazzam criticized Abu Hurayra by being accused of lying by Omar, Othman, Ali and Aa'isha that Abu Hurayra

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.Refer to an-Nahj al-Hameedi by Abu Ja'far al-Iskafi, vol.۱, pg.۳۵۹ -۱
.In his book Fajrul Islam (Dawn of Islam), pg.۲۶۲ -۲
.Refer to his book Adab al-Arab, vol.۱, pg.۲۸۲ -۳
.Refer to Ta'weel Mukhtalif al-Hadith by ibn Qutayba, pg.۲۷ -۴
.Ta'weel Mukhtalif al-Hadith, pg.۴۸ -۵

had accompanied the Prophet (S.) for three years only but he narrated from him so many traditions, which were more than what had been narrated by any of the first and previous companions, who doubted him and denied his excessiveness.(١) They said: "How did you alone hear all of that? Who heard it with you?" Aa'isha was the most extreme in denying his traditions for she remained alive for a long time, where Abu Hurayra told of his traditions. Omar also was very extreme against the excessive narrators or those, who told of legal verdicts without any evidence...to the end of his saying, which confirmed what an-Nazzam had said. He did so forcedly and in spite of him for rightness always !spoke justly and obstinately

As for what ibn Qutayba(٢) pretended that: "the companions gave in when Abu Hurayra told them about his special rank near the Prophet (S.)", it was nonsense and vain. The great companions knew him well and did not need any one to introduce him to them. If they had a bit of respect towards him, they would never accuse him and consider him as liar. You noticed his saying(٣) that he fell to the ground faintingly (during the reign of the Prophet (S.)) between the minbar and the room. The comers put their feet on his neck ?thinking that he was mad. Did that fit respect and honor

In brief: it was certain that all the great veracious companions doubted him and denied his sayings. But when

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Ibn Qutayba wanted to refute an-Nazzam, but unknowingly he confirmed his saying - ١ and added to the list of deniers all the first companions

.in his book Ta'weel Mukhtalif al-Hadith, pg.۵٠ -٢

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they went to the better world and those, who came after them, decided that the companions all in all were just and fair and they forbade criticizing them. They made that as legal verdict of the Shari'ah and hence they imprisoned the minds, gouged out the eyes, put porches on the hearts and deafen the ears. People became

.Deaf, dumb (and) blind, so they will not turn back (۲:۱۸)

Glory be to the infallible imams where they put the companions in their suitable places, which they themselves had already been in.(۱) So their thought about Abu Hurayra was not different from the thought of Ali, Omar, Othman and Aa'isha. The Shias, since the age of Imam ´Ali (a.s.) until nowadays, kept to the same way of their imams.

All of the Mu'tazilites might have the same point of view. Imam Abu Ja'far al-Iskafi said:(۲) "Abu Hurayra was infected in his mind according to our sheikhs. His traditions were disapproved by them. Once Omar beat him and said to him: "You exceeded in your traditions. You might be a liar ascribing lies to the Prophet (S.)." Sufyan ath-Thawri narrated a tradition from Mansoor that Ibrahim at-Taymi had said: "They didn't depend upon Abu Hurayra's traditions except those traditions, which were about Paradise and Hell."

Abu Ossama narrated a tradition that al-A'mash had said: "Ibrahim was trusty in narrating tradition. I used to show him whatever I heard of traditions. One day I brought him some traditions narrated by Abu Salih from Abu Hurayra.

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۱- Ahmed Ameen said in his book Fajrul Islam, pg.۲۵۹: "It seemed that the companions themselves criticized each other and preferred one to the other at their time. If someone narrated a tradition, he would be asked for the evidence. Once Abu Hurayra narrated a tradition, which ibn Abbas denied and he narrated another tradition that Aa'isha denied. Fatima bint Qays narrated a tradition from her husband that Omar denied and said: "Do we leave our God's book and our Prophet's Sunna for a woman's saying? We don't know if it is true or false, she memorizes or forgets! Aa'isha also denied it and said to Fatima: "Don't you fear Allah (S.w.T.)." There were many cases of the like.

۲- Sharh an-Nahj al-Hameedi, vol.۱, pg.۳۶۰.

He said to me: "Let me away from Abu Hurayra! They left many of his traditions aside." It was mentioned that Imam ´Ali (a.s.) had said: "The most untruthful one (or he said of the alive), who ascribes lies to the Prophet (S.), is Abu Hurayra ad-Doussi." Abu Yousuf mentioned that he had said to Abu Haneefa: "Some prophetic traditions that reach us, contradict our analogy. What do we do with them?" He said: "If they were narrated by trusty people, we would depend upon them and leave our points of view aside." I said: "What do you say about Abu Bakr and Omar?" He said: "They were trusty." I said: "Ali and Othman?" He said: "So were they." When he saw me mentioning the companions, he said: "All of the companions were fair and trusty except some ones." He mentioned some, .among them were Abu Hurayra and Anass bin Malik

Imam Abu Haneefa and his companions left Abu Hurayra's tradition aside if it would contradict their analogy as they did with his tradition about the (missrat).(١) Abu Hurayra narrated that the Prophet (S.) had said: "Don't confine milk in your sheep or camels' udders. He, who buys them, will have the choice after he milks them either to keep them if he accepts or return them to their keeper with a certain measure (about three kilos) of dates." They didn't pay any attention to this tradition and said: "Abu Hurayra was not a jurisprudent and his tradition contradicted our analogy

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A cow, a ewe or a she-camel that was not milked for some days to let the milk remain -١ .in the udders in order to deceive the buyer that it gave a lot of milk

completely. Milking the animal was to be considered as trespassing the other's right, which must be compensated with the like or the value, but that measure of dates would (not be one of them.(١)

We knew that Abu Haneefa and his companions thought that the prayer would be invalid by any kind of speech, which was not a part of the prayer whether by forgetting, unknowing or thinking that the prayer was finished. The Hanafite jurisprudence was clear about this matter. So was the thought of Sufyan ath-Thawri. Hence the tradition of Abu Hurayra had no value among them, when he said that once the Prophet (S.) had forgotten and ended the prayer after two ruk'as instead of four then he left his oratory and entered his room. When he came back, it was said to him: "Did you lessen the prayer or did you forget?" He said: "The prayer wasn't lessened and I didn't forget." They said: "Yes, you did." And after an argument between him and them, he believed them and completed his prayer with two other ruk'as. Then he offered the prostrate of the forgetting. According to this tradition, Malik, ash-Shafi'ei, Ahmed and al-Awza'ei gave a fatwa that talking (some speech that was not a part of the prayer) by someone, who forgot that he had been offering the prayer or he thought that he had ended the prayer, would not invalidate it. But Abu Hanifa, who didn't pay any attention to Abu Hurayra's tradition, said that talking

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١- Refer to Fajr al-Islam by Ahmed Ameen, pg.٢۶٣.

(during the prayer would make it invalid.(۱)

Let us conclude this chapter with some events happened between Abu Hurayra and some of the companions showing you how they regarded him.

Abu Hurayra said: "When my tradition was mentioned to Omar, he called for me and said: "Were you with us that day when we were in the house of that (man)?" I said: "Yes, I was, when the Prophet (S.) said: "Whoever ascribed to me an untrue tradition, his place would definitely be in Hell."(۲)

This proved that he neither told of traditions in the presence of Omar, nor he was one of those, whom Omar saw and heard narrating traditions. In fact Omar had heard his tradition from the people and he accused him of lying. He called for him and warned him from Hell if he would lie.

One day Omar rebuked him by saying:(۳) "Either you leave narrating traditions or I will expel you to the land of Douss(۴) or the land of monkeys."

One day Omar became very angry with him for his excessiveness in narrating prophetic traditions. He beat him with his stick and rebuked him by saying: "You exceeded with your traditions and I think you ascribed false traditions to the Prophet (S.)."

Omar deposed him from the emirate of Bahrain after he had beaten him until he wounded him. He got back from him ten thousand dinars to the treasury. He rebuked him with terrible words.

During the reign of the Prophet (S.), Omar beat him until he fell on

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۱- Refer to an-Nawawi's Sharh Sahih Muslim, vol.۴, pg.۲۳۴.

۲- it was mentioned by Musaddad in his Musnad and by ibn Hajar in his Issaba.

۳- Refer to Kanzul Ommal by Ibn Asakir, tradition ۴۸۸۵, vol.۵, pg.۲۳۹.

۴- The birthplace of Abu Hurayra.

(his back to the ground.(١

When Imam ´Ali (a.s.) had heard Abu Hurayra's traditions, he said: "The most lying of people, (or he said) of the alive people about the Prophet (S.) is Abu Hurayra ad-Doussi."

Abu Hurayra often said: "My intimate told me" "I saw my intimate" "My intimate, the Prophet (S.), said to me". Ali heard of that. He said to Abu Hurayra: "When was the Prophet (S.) your intimate, Abu Hurayra?" Imam ´Ali (a.s.) denied Abu Hurayra's saying because he distrusted him.(٢) Ali (a.s.) definitely was right for he (is with the Qur'an and the Qur'an is with Ali. They won't separate until they come to the Prophet's (S.) pond in the Day of Resurrection).(٣) Ali is with the rightness and the rightness is with Ali. It turns with him (however he turns.(٤

Aa'isha called for Abu Hurayra after she had heard his traditions. She said to him: "What were those traditions, which we heard that you told of about the Prophet (S.)? Did you hear other than what we heard or did you see other than what we saw?" He said: ("Mother, the mirror and the kohl made you busy away from the prophet."(٥

Abu Hurayra narrated a tradition saying that woman, dog and donkey(٦) invalidate the prayer. Aa'isha denied that and said: "I saw the Prophet (S.) offering the prayer while I was cross between him and the kiblah."

He narrated a tradition that the Prophet (S.) had forbidden to walk with one shoe. When Aa'isha heard that,

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١- Muslim's Sahih, vol.١, pg.٣٤.

٢- Ibn Qutayba said that in his book Ta'weel Mukhtalif al-Hadith, pg.٥٢.

٣- Mentioned by al-Hakim in his Mustadrak, at-Tabari in his Awsat and by ibn Asakir in his Kanzul Ommal, vol.۶, pg.١٥٣.

۴- Refer to Kanzul Ommal, vol.۶, pg.١٥٧.

۵ - Refer to al-Hakim's Mustadrak, vol. ٣, pg.٥٠٩ and ath-Thahabi's Talkheess al-Mustadrak. Of course Aa'isha refused his excuse.

۶- If they were in front of someone during offering the prayer (according to Abu Hurayra).

.she walked with one shoe and said that she would contradict Abu Hurayra

He narrated that: "Whoever was impure when it dawned, he was not to fast." When Aa'isha and Hafsa(١) denied that, he unsaid his saying and excused that he hadn't heard it from the Prophet (S.), but he had heard it from al-Fadhl bin al-Abbas, who was dead (then.(٢

Once two men came to Aa'isha and said: "Abu Hurayra narrated that the Prophet (S.) had said: "Evil omen is but in women and sumpters." Aa'isha became very excited and said: "I swear by Him, Who revealed the Qur'an to Abul Qassim (Muhammad) that he, who told of (this tradition, was a liar."(٣

One day he sat beside the room of Aa'isha narrating traditions about the Prophet (S.). She was busy glorifying Allah (S.w.T.). When she finished, she said: "How wonder it is! Abu Hurayra sits beside my room ascribing traditions to the Prophet (S.) and making me hear (that. I was busy glorifying Allah (S.w.T.). If I got him, I would refute his traditions."(٤

He narrated that the Prophet (S.) had said: "Whenever one of you wakes up from sleep, let him wash his hands. He doesn't know where his hands were in the night." Aa'isha ?"(denied that(٥) and said: "How do we do with the (mihrass)(٦

He narrated that the Prophet (S.) had said: "Whoever carries a coffin, has to do wudu'." (Ibn Abbas denied it and said: "Carrying dry pieces of wood doesn't require wudu'."(٧

Abdullah bin Omar narrated a tradition

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١- It was so mentioned in Ta'weel Mukhtalif al-Hadith, but it was Aa'isha and Um Salama, .who denied this tradition

٢- These three traditions (about woman, dog and donkey, walking in one shoe and this .-one) were mentioned in Ta'weel Mukhtalif al-Hadith by ibn Qutayba, pg.٢٧

٣- .Ta'weel Mukhtalif al-Hadith, pg.١٢۶

۴- .Refer to Muslim's Sahih, vol.٢ section on virtues of Abu Hurayra, pg.٣٥٨

۵- Refer to Fajrul Islam by Ahmed Ameen, pg.٢٥٩. Aa'isha denied his tradition because she .didn't trust him but her excuse about the (mihrass) was not logical

۶- A big hollow rock was filled with water for wash. It was very heavy.

۷- It was mentioned by Ahmed Ameen in his book Fajrul Islam, pg.۲۵۹.

saying: "The Prophet (S.) ordered to kill the dogs except the hunting-dogs and the cattle-dogs." They said to ibn Omar that Abu Hurayra had added the farm-dogs. He didn't care for that and said: "Abu Hurayra has a farm." He accused him of adding the farm-dog to the Prophet's (S.) tradition in order to keep his dog and farm.(۱)

Abu Hurayra narrated that the Prophet (S.) had said: "Whoever keeps a dog other than a hunting-dog, a cattle-dog or a farm-dog, Allah (S.w.T.) will take off one carat a day from his merits." When they mentioned Abu Hurayra's saying to ibn Omar, he said: "May Allah (S.w.T.) have mercy upon Abu Hurayra. He had a farm." He accused him of adding that to the tradition for the sake of his benefit. Salim bin Abdullah bin Omar accused him of that, too, in a tradition mentioned by Muslim.(۲)

Ibn Omar didn't believe Abu Hurayra's tradition of the hedgehog and he still doubted about it.

When ibn Omar heard Abu Hurayra narrating: "Whoever followed a funeral, would have a carat of merit", he didn't believe him and said that Abu Hurayra had exceeded with his traditions. He sent someone to Aa'isha asking her about it. When she confirmed the tradition, then he believed it.(۳)

When Aamir bin Shurayh bin Hani heard Abu Hurayra narrating: "Whoever likes to meet Allah (S.w.T.), Allah (S.w.T.) likes meeting him and whoever hates to meet Allah (S.w.T.), Allah (S.w.T.) hates meeting him", he didn't believe him until he asked Aa'isha.

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۱- Refer to Muslim's Sahih, vol.۱ section on killing dogs, pg.۶۲۵.

۲- in his Sahih, vol.۱, pg.۶۲۶.

۳ - Muslim's Sahih, vol.۱, pg.۳۴۹-. Al-Hakim in his Mustadrak, vol.۳, pg.۵۱۰ mentioned something like that.

(She narrated it and explained it to him.(١

If we mentioned all the cases, in which the companions had denied Abu Hurayra's traditions and refuted them, we would waste our time, but that would suffice to prove .what we wanted to say

It was enough that Omar, Othman, Ali and Aa'isha denied his traditions and refuted them. It was decided by the Islamic jurisprudence to prefer criticising (a companion) to justifying (what he was accused of) when there was an opposition. But in this case there was no opposition at all because passion alone did not oppose the denying of those great .people

As to regard the companions all in all as truthful and fair, there was no evidence proving that. The companions themselves knew nothing about that. If we supposed so, it would be applied to the unknown ones and not to whom Omar, Othman, Ali and Aa'isha .considered as liar and having many defects, which was confirmed by many evidences

We, followers of the twelve Imams (a.s.), have a moderate thought about the companions, which we explained in details in our book (Answers of Musa JarAllah (S.w.T.)). .Whoever wants to know about that, let refer to it

His Protest Against His Accusers

Abu Hurayra protested against those, who accused him of excessiveness in narrating traditions by saying:(٢) "They say that Abu Hurayra narrates too much many traditions! Allah (S.w.T.) is our judge in the Day of Resurrection! They say why the Muhajireen and the Ansar do not narrate (prophetic traditions) so much as he does. My brothers

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١ - Muslim's Sahih, vol.٢ section on whoever likes to meet Allah (S.w.T.) (S.w.T.) Allah (S.w.T.) (S.w.T.) likes to meet him, pg.٤٢٢.

٢ - It was mentioned by al-Bukhari in his Sahih, vol.٢ chapter of Wikaala, section on what was mentioned in planting, pg.٣٤; Muslim in his Sahih, vol.٢ of Ahmed's Musnad, and all of those collected Hadith.

of the Muhajireen were busy dealing in the markets and my brothers of the Ansar were busy managing their gardens (of date-palms), while I was a poor man keeping to the Prophet (S.) for feed. So I was attendant when they were absent and I perceived where ".they forgot

Once the Prophet (S.) said:" If one of you spreads his dress until I finish my speech then he joins it to his chest, he will never forget anything of my sayings at all. I spread my garment, which I had no cloths on me other than; until the Prophet (S.) finished his speech then I joined it to my chest. I swear by Him, who had sent his Prophet (S.) with the rightness, that I never forgot anything of his sayings until this day. By Allah (S.w.T.), if it .was not for these two verses in the Qur'an, I would have never narrated anything

Surely those who conceal the clear proofs and the guidance that We revealed after We) made it clear in the Book for men, these it is whom Allah shall curse, and those who curse shall curse them (too) Except those who repent and amend and make manifest (the truth), these it is to whom I turn (mercifully); and I am the Oft-returning (to mercy), the (Merciful)(١)

As Abu Hurayra got wealthier, he became more foolish.(٢) He wanted to convince his accusers, who accused him of the quantity and the quality of his traditions, so he said this tradition to

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١- Qur'an, ٢:١۵٩-١۶٠.

٢- A proverb.

defend himself and to protest against them, but what a trivial protest he made! In fact he, unknowingly, gave his opponents evidence against himself, which proved that what they ascribed to him was true. I swear by the honor of truthfulness and the highness of the veracious that I have not seen among all what the fabricators did, a tradition farther away from the truth than this one. I wouldn't mention it or talk about it, unless the two sheikhs and their likes mentioned it in their (Sahihs) happily and worshipingly to their thought about the companions. They contradicted by that the rational and traditional evidences and contradicted the thoughts of the great first Muslims.(١) We have some :notes about the invalidity of this tradition

Firstly: Abu Hurayra pretended that the Muhajireen were away from the Prophet (S.) because they were busy dealing in the markets and the Ansar were busy managing their gardens. He drove all the first Muslims of Muhajireen and Ansar with one stick. Was there any value for his saying that all the Muhajireen were busy of dealings in the markets after the saying of Allah (S.w.T.): (Men whom neither merchandise nor selling diverts from the ?(remembrance of Allah (S.w.T.))(٢)

Did what contradicted the holy Qur'an deserve but to be thrown off? And who was Abu Hurayra to be attendant while the close companions of the Prophet (S.) were away from him? And that he memorized while they forgot? He said that full-mouthedly without shame or

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١- Refer to our book Tuhfatul Muhadditheen.

٢- Qur'an, ٢٤:٣٧.

fear for he said that at the time of Mu'awiya, where there were no Omar, Othman, Ali, Talha, az-Zubayar, Salman, Ammar, al-Miqdade, Abu Zarr, or the likes. (A grievous word it is that comes out of their mouths; they speak nothing but a lie).(۱)

How far his word was from the truth! All people knew the position of Ali to the Prophet (S.), the close relationship and the special respect. He put him in his lap when he was a child, embraced him to his chest, his pure flesh touched his flesh, chewed the bite and put it in his mouth. He never found a lie in a saying of his nor a fault in a deed of his. Allah (S.w.T.) had joined the Prophet (S.) with the greatest of His angels that took him into the ways of nobilities and highest morals of the world. Ali followed the Prophet (S.) as a young weaned camel following his mother.

The Prophet (S.) raised for Ali a banner of morals every day. He ordered Ali to follow his lead. Ali was with the Prophet (S.)(and the great Khadija, the Prophet's (S.) wife) in the cave of Harra' seeing the light of Gabriel and his mission and smelling the fragrance of the prophecy. After that he became the gate of the Prophet's (S.) town of knowledge, the best judge of the umma, the keeper of the Prophet's (S.) secrets, his guardian, the heir to his rule, the dispeller of his grief, the

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۱- Qur'an, ۱۸:۵.

bearer of an attentive ear who had the knowledge of the Book. After all that, did Ali (a.s.) forget of the Sunna what Abu Hurayra had kept, or did he keep a secret what Abu ?Hurayra announced

.Glory be to Thee! this is a great calumny) ۲۴:۱۶)

In fact, just a few of the Muhajireen were busy dealing in the markets. Why didn't those, who had nothing to do with trade or dealing like Abu Zarr, al-Miqdad, Ammar, and the seventy of Abu Hurayra's companions in the suffa, who didn't have cloths to cover their naked bodies except a piece of cloth tied around their necks…as he himself described them, narrated so much many traditions like him? In fact all of their traditions together .were less than his

So were the Ansar. Not all of them had gardens and properties as Abu Hurayra claimed. One of those, who did not have any property, was Salman al-Farisi, whom the Prophet (S.) had said about: "Salman is one of us, the family of the Prophet (S.)." (۱) He also said: "If religion was on the Pleiades, Salman would get it." Aa'isha said -from alIstee'ab-: "Salman ".had evening meetings with the Prophet (S.) that he sat with him alone more than we did

Ali said: "Salman al-Farisi is like the sage Luqman. He has known the knowledge of the first ages and the coming ages. He is a sea of knowledge that won't drain off." Ka'bul Ahbar said: "Salman is filled up with knowledge

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and wisdom." This was besides other virtues mentioned about him. People knew well that Abu Ayyoub al-Ansari lived in subsistence that nothing took him away from knowledge and worship. So were Abu Sa'eed al-Khudary, Abu Fudhala al-Ansari and the other great .jurisprudents of the Ansar

The Prophet (S.) did not spend his time in disorder and confusion. He arranged his times, day and night, according to the tasks required at that time. He definitely specified a certain time for lecturing and teaching the Muslims about their religion and life, which would never contradict their times of work and labor or dealing in the markets. The Muhajireen and the Ansar adhered to these honored meeting of the Prophet (S.) and .were more careful of knowing and learning than what the dotards raved

Secondly: if what Abu Hurayra pretended that the Prophet (S.) had said to his companions: "If any one of you spreads his dress until I finish my speech and then joins it to his chest, he will never forget anything of my saying at all" was true, all the companions would contend to do that. They would obtain a great virtue without striving and gain the eternal knowledge without spending money. So what frustrated them to win that and what prevented them to spread their dresses for that? How would they lose this great opportunity? Were they so trivial to renounce what the Prophet (S.) invited them for? Certainly not! They were his sincere companions, who strove to obey him whatever

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Thirdly: if what Abu Hurayra had said was true, the companions would extremely regret what they lost of that great virtue and copious knowledge. Their great sorrow about what they missed by not spreading their dresses in front of the Prophet (S.), which was without any cost or tire, would spread among people and be mentioned in the books and that they would blame each other about their bad choice in leaving that important thing. At least they would envy Abu Hurayra, who had one dress only where they put on two or three, to win that virtue alone. There was nothing of that at all. Abu Hurayra had taken out this .tradition from his own bag

Fourthly: if what Abu Hurayra had told of was true, it would be narrated by the other companions, whom the Prophet (S.) had invited for that. In fact, if it was so, the companions would consider it as one of the signs of the prophecy and as evidence of the religion. It would be famous like the sun in the midday, so why only Abu Hurayra tells this !when no one else told of it

Fifthly: there were differences between his traditions about this story. One time he said as narrated by al-A'raj:(۱) "One day the Prophet (S.) said to his companions: "If any one of you spreads his dress until I finish my speech and then he gathers it to his chest, he will never forget anything of my speech." I spread my

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Refer to al-Bukhai's Sahih, vol.۲ chapter of Wikaala, section on what was mentioned in -۱ planting, pg.۳۴ and Muslim's Sahih, vol.۲ section on Abu Hurayra's virtues, pg.۳۵۷. Al-Bukhari mentioned in his Sahih, vol.۲, pg.۱ a tradition narrated by Sa'eed bin al-Musayyab from Abu Salama that Abu Hurayra had said: "The prophet said in one of his traditions: "No one of you will spread his dress until I finish this speech and then to join it to his chest, unless he perceives all what I say." I spread a garment I had on me until he finished his ".speech. Then I gathered it to my chest. I never forgot anything of that speech

garment, which I had no dress on me other than, until the Prophet (S.) finished his speech. I gathered it to my chest. I swear by Him, who had sent the Prophet (S.) with the rightness, that I never forgot anything of that saying of the Prophet (S.)."

Another time he said, as narrated by al-Maqbari:(1) "I said: "O messenger of Allah (S.w.T.), I sometimes forget what I hear from you." He said: "Spread your dress!" He ladled with his hands (knowledge and put into the dress) then he said: "Gather it to your chest." I did. I did never forget anything after that at all."

You see that the story according to the first tradition narrated by al-A'raj was between the Prophet (S.) and his companions and that it was the Prophet (S.), who invited them to spread their dresses fearing for them from forgetting, whereas, according to the second tradition narrated by al-Maqbari, it was just between Abu Hurayra and the Prophet (S.) and that Abu Hurayra asked the Prophet (S.).

The first tradition, which was narrated by al-A'raj, showed that (not forgetting) concerned the Prophet's (S.) speech in that certain time only for he said (that saying of the Prophet (S.)), whereas in the second tradition narrated by al-Maqbari, he generalized. That was to say he would not forget anything at all. He said: "I did never forget anything after that at all." Those, who explained these traditions became confused and didn't know how to justify that until ibn

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1- Al-Maqbari is Saed bin Abi Saed. Refer to al-Bukhari's Sahih, vol.1 chapter of knowledge, section on memorizing knowledge, pg.24.

Hajar decided in his book that this case happened two times;(۱) one time not forgetting concerned that certain saying of the Prophet (S.) and the other time not forgetting (concerned the all, whether the previous or the following sayings of the Prophet (S.).(۲

Muslim mentioned(۳) it in a third way narrated by Yunus from ibnul Musayyab that Abu Hurayra had said: "...I never forgot, after that day, whatever the Prophet (S.) told me of." This tradition was more general than al-A'raj's tradition and more adequate than al-.Maqbari's

Ibn Sa'd in his Tabaqat(۴) mentioned a tradition narrated by Amr bin Mardas bin Abdur Rahman al-Jundi that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) asked me to spread my dress. I did. He told me all the day. Then I gathered my dress to my abdomen. I didn't forget anything of what he had told me of." His saying all the day was not mentioned in .the other traditions except in this one narrated by al-Jundi

Abu Ya'la mentioned it narrated by Abu Salama in a way different from all the ways of this tradition. He narrated that Abu Hurayra had gone to visit the Prophet (S.) when he was ill. He greeted the Prophet (S.), while the Prophet (S.) was leaning on Ali's chest and Ali's hand was on the Prophet's (S.) chest embracing him and the Prophet's (S.) legs were extended. The Prophet (S.) said: "O Abu Hurayra, approach to me." He approached. Then the Prophet (S.) said to him: "Approach to

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.Refer to Irshad as-Sari by al-Qastalani, vol.۱, pg.۳۸۰ -۱

If this case happened one time rather than two or more, it would spread like the light. -۲ So why did the companions take no notice of it that no one of them narrated it except Abu ?Hurayra

.In his Sahih, vol.۲ section on Abu Hurayra's virtues, pg.۲۵۸ -۳

.(vol.۴, pg.۵۶ (Abu Hurayra's biography -۴

.me." He approached

Then he said to him: "Approach to me." He approached until his fingers touched the Prophet's (S.) fingers. The Prophet (S.) asked him to sit down. He sat down. The Prophet (S.) said to him: "Approach the end of your dress to me." Abu Hurayra spread his dress and approached it to the Prophet (S.). The Prophet (S.) said to him: "O Abu Hurayra, I recommend you of some practices that you are not to leave as long as you live; you are to bathe in the morning of every Friday (Friday Ghusl), not to talk nonsense, not to play vainly, to fast three days of every month because it equals fasting the age, and the Fajr prayer, don't leave it even if you pray all the night because it is full of merits." He said that thrice. Then the Prophet (S.) asked him to gather his dress to himself. He gathered his (dress to his chest.(١

Abu Ya'la mentioned a tradition narrated by al-Waleed bin Jamee' that Abu Hurayra had said: "I complained to the Prophet (S.) my weak memorization. He said to me: "Open your garment." I opened it. Then he said: "Join it to your chest." I did. After that I did never ".forget any tradition

Abu Ya'la mentioned a tradition narrated by Yunus bin Obayd from al-Hasan al-Basri that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) said: "Who will take from me a word, two or three and wrap them with his dress to

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.(Refer to ibn Hajar's Issaba, (Abu Hurayra's biography -١

learn them and teach them to the others?" I spread my dress in front of him while he was .talking then I gathered it. I hope that I did not forget a word of what he had said

Ahmed mentioned a tradition, somehow like that, narrated by al-Mubarak bin Fudhala .from Abu Hurayra

Abu Na'eem mentioned(۱) a tradition narrated by Abdullah bin Abu Yahya from Sa'eed bin Abi Hind from Abu Hurayra that the Prophet (S.) had said to him: "O Abu Hurayra, you don't ask me about the booties, which your friends ask me about!" I said: "I ask you to teach me from what Allah (S.w.T.) has taught you." I took off my garment and spread it between him and me. The lice were creeping on it. He told me until I perceived his speech. He said to me: "Join it to you." After that I didn't forget a letter from what he had told me ".of

Whoever inspected this tradition in his different ways of narration would find it different in words and meanings. Its words or meanings were different and they contradicted each .other for certainly it was vain. Thanks to Allah (S.w.T.) for that

Sixthly: he said: "I spread my garment, which I had no dress on me other than." This showed that his private parts would appear. Al-Qastalani and Zakariyya al-Ansari interpreted his saying in order to find an excuse for him. They said that he had spread some of his garment in order that his private parts

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.(In his book Hilyatul Awliya', pg.۳۸۱ (Biography of Abu Hurayra -۱

.not to be seen

Seventhly: this story sounds like the fables. Glory be to Allah (S.w.T.)! He would not let this raving be mixed with the miracles of the Prophet (S.). No one of the rational and wise people would believe this nonsense. The miracles of the Prophet (S.) dazzled the brilliant and defeated the tyrants by the good method and moderate way of them (the miracles).

The Prophet (S.) patted on Ali's chest and said, when he sent him to Yemen as judge(۱): "O Allah (S.w.T.), guide his heart and direct his tongue." Ali said: "I swear by Allah (S.w.T.) that I never doubted in any judgment (I made) between any two persons after that."

When the Qur'anic verse

(So that We may make it a reminder to you, and that the heeding ear might retain it)(۲)

was revealed to the Prophet (S.), he said addressing Ali: "I asked Allah (S.w.T.) to make it your ear."(۳) Ali said: "I didn't forget anything after that though I hadn't forgotten before that."

The Prophet (S.) said(۴) in the day of (the battle of) Khaybar when he gave the banner to Ali: "O Allah (S.w.T.), save him from hot and cold." Ali said: "After that I didn't suffer hot or cold." He put on light cloths in the winter and heavy cloths in the summer to prove and draw attention always to the Prophet's (S.) miracle.

When Jabir complained to the Prophet (S.) that his father was in debt, the Prophet (S.) went with him to his

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۱- Ali's (a.s.) biography in al-Isteeab.

۲- Qur'an, ۶۹:۱۲.

۳- It was mentioned by az-Zamakhshari in his Kashshaf, ath-Tha'labi in his Tafseer, ar-Razi and others.

۴- It was mentioned by Ahmed bin Hanbal in his Musnad, ibn Abu Shayba and ibn Jareer. Refer to Muntakhab Kanzul Ommal, vol.۵, pg.۴۴.

threshing-floor. He walked around the heap of the fruits and prayed Allah (S.w.T.) and invoked His blessing. He sat near it. The creditors came and took their debts from that heap. What remained from the heap sufficed Jabir and his family? When the Prophet (S.) wanted to do someone a favour, he prayed Allah (S.w.T.) for him and when he wanted to hurt someone (who deserved that), he prayed to Allah (S.w.T.) against him as he did with Mu'awiya. He said: "Let Allah (S.w.T.) not satiate his stomach!" So did he with al-Hakam bin Abul Aass. But no one dared to say that the Prophet (S.) did something of what Abu Hurayra told of. Because his wisdom, which lighted the way for the deviate sights and paved it with the signs of guidance, was far above that

A look at his Virtues

We traced the traditions talking about the virtues of Abu Hurayra and we found that the only source of them, in the most cases, was Abu Hurayra himself.

Ibn Abdul Birr said in his book al-Isstee'ab: "Abu Hurayra became a Muslin in the year of (the battle of) Khaybar. He participated in the battle with the Prophet (S.). Then he kept to the Prophet (S.) caring for knowledge. He was content of no more than his feed. His hand was in the Prophet's (S.) hand. He went with him wherever the Prophet (S.) went. He was the most of the companions in memorizing the Prophet's (S.) traditions.

He attended with the Prophet (S.)

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what the Muhajireen and the Ansar didn't attend because the Muhajireen were busy trading and the Ansar were busy working in their gardens. The Prophet (S.) witnessed that he (Abu Hurayra) paid much attention to knowledge and Hadith. Once he said to the Prophet (S.): "I hear much from you and I am afraid that I may forget some." The Prophet (S.) asked him to spread his dress. He did. The Prophet (S.) ladled into Abu Hurayra's dress and asked him to join it to him. Abu Hurayra said: "I joined it to myself. I never forgot ".anything after that at all

These virtues were quoted from Abu Hurayra's own traditions, in which he talked about himself. We didn't find any source for these virtues save Abu Hurayra himself. The same .was as to the other virtues ascribed to him undeservedly

His becoming Muslim in the year of Khaybar was true because it was told by others than him, but that he had participated in the battle with the Prophet (S.), was not told of by any .one except him

As for what he said that he kept to the Prophet (S.) for the sake of knowledge and learning for nothing other than to satiate his stomach, his hand was in the Prophet's (S.) hand and he went with him wherever he went, all of these things were pretended by him where he said: "I came to Medina while the Prophet (S.) was in Khaybar. I was more than thirty .years old then

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I kept to him until he died. I went with him to his wives' houses.(۱) I served him, fought with him and performed the hajj(۲) with him. I was the most aware of his traditions. By Allah (S.w.T.), some of companions, who had accompanied the Prophet (S.) long before me, asked me about his traditions for they knew my keeping to him. Among those were "Omar, Othman, Ali, Talha, az-Zubayr..."

The wise might wonder at the daring of this man narrating such traditions, which were unreal and untrue. But when they knew the fact that he didn't tell of these traditions and their likes at the time of the great companions but he dared to tell of them after the most of the companions had died and the countries of Sham,(۳) Iraq, Egypt, Africa and Persia were conquered where the companions spread here and there and that the new Muslims of the conquered countries didn't know anything about what happened at the time of the Prophet (S.).

Then he and the other liars found themselves in another world that didn't know anything about the first age of Islam. They found that their new world believed them and heard them worshipingly for they were the remainders of the Prophet's (S.) companions, who were entrusted with his Sunna and that they had to announce it. Moreover, the Umayyad state did the best to support them. Hence they had a great opportunity to tell whatever they liked of wonders and oddities, which were

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۱- Did the high morals of this great prophet permit so and so to mix with his wives so easily as this imprudent pretended?

۲- In Arabic, the verb he used had the sense of continuity, which meant that: he used to perform the hajj with the prophet every year. It was definitely untrue because after the hegira, the prophet didn't perform the hajj except one time, which was the farewell hajj.

۳- Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Lebanon.

.unacceptable by the Shari'ah and reason

They told of absurd and null traditions for the sake of their benefits and to serve the policy of the unjust tyrants, who dealt with the religion of Allah (S.w.T.) as means to carry out their private aims and dealt with the people as their slaves. They divided the wealth of the Muslims among them as if it was their heritage! Those liars devoted themselves to the unjust oppressors, who, in return for that, gifted them with all means of comfort and tried their best to support them especially at the age of Mu'awiya. Those liars were the right .hand, the spokesman and the spy of the Umayyad state

Woe, then, to those who write the book with their hands and then say: This is from Allah) .(S.w.T.)) ۲:۷۹

How I wonder, by Allah (S.w.T.), at al-Bukhari, Muslim, Ahmed and the others, who were well-advised and had great minds, to be led so foolishly by what Abu Hurayra and his likes raved. Could they know when Ali, Omar, Othman, Talha, az-Zubayr and the other companions did ask Abu Hurayra? Did they ask him in the wakefulness, in the sleep or in the world of imagination? About which tradition did they ask him? Who did narrate that except Abu Hurayra? Which one of the historians or the authors of books of Hadith or biographies mentioned that one of these great companions had narrated even a single tradition(۱) from Abu Hurayra? When did they pay attention to

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Al-Hakim (in the biography of Abu Hurayra) counted those, who narrated traditions - ۱ from Abu Hurayra. They were twenty-eight companions. Ali, Omar, Othman, Talha and az-Zubayr were not among them. The others, who narrated from him, narrated something about Paradise and Hell or morals and knowledge. No one of them narrated .even a single tradition about the legal verdicts and duties

his traditions? We didn't find that he had told of traditions in the presence of them. He didn't dare to. They often discarded him and denied his traditions as mentioned in details .in the previous pages

Now let us go back to what ibn Abdul Birr said about Abu Hurayra. His saying (that Abu Hurayra was the best of the companions in memorizing the prophetic traditions) was quoted from Abu Hurayra's tradition, in which he said: "I was the most aware of his ."traditions

His saying (that he attended the Prophet's (S.) meetings, which the Muhajireen and the Ansar didn't attend) was quoted from Abu Hurayra's tradition, in which he talked about spreading his garment in front of the Prophet (S.) as we mentioned it before with our .comments

His saying (that the Prophet (S.) witnessed that he had paid much attention to the knowledge and the Hadith) was quoted from Abu Hurayra's Saying: "I said: "O messenger of Allah (S.w.T.), who is the happiest one to get your intercession? He said: "I thought that no one would ask me about this worthier than you when I saw you paying much attention (to the Hadith."(١

Among his virtues, which those, who wrote his biography, talked about in details, was his haversack, from which he had eaten more than two hundred wasaqs(٢) of dates, his escaped servant, whom he set free for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.), his keeping two vessels of knowledge that he spread one and kept the other secret, the Prophet's

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١ - It was mentioned by al-Bukhari in his Sahih and ibn Hajar in his Issaba, where Abu Hurayra said: "I accompanied the prophet for three years. No one was better than me in ".perceiving the Hadith

٢ - It was a unit of measurement among the Arabs. Two Hundred wasaqs were about .thirty-five thousand kilos

S.) prayer for him and his mother, his walking above the water until he crossed a gulf) without becoming wet and many others of his comic tragic stories at the same time! May !Allah (S.w.T.) be with us to bear all that

His Drolleries

Imam Ahmed bin Hanbal mentioned(۱) a tradition about Abu Hurayra narrated by Muhammad bin Ziyad saying: "Marwan, who was wali of Medina during the reign of Mu'awiya, sometimes assigned Abu Hurayra to be his deputy when he left Medina. Abu Hurayra beat the ground with his feet saying: "Clear the way! Clear the way! The Amir has .come." He referred to himself

Ibn Qutayba ad-Daynouri mentioned in his book(۲) that Abu Rafi' had said: "Marwan sometimes assigned Abu Hurayra to be Amir of Medina (when he traveled). He rode a donkey with a saddle on its back and a fiber of date-palm on its head. When he met any one, he said: "Clear the way! The Amir has come." He might sometimes pass by the children playing in the night. He suddenly jumped among them and beat the ground with (his feet..."(۳

Abu Na'eem mentioned(۴) that Tha'laba bin Abu Malik al-Qardhi had said: "One day Abu Hurayra, who was then the Amir assigned by Marwan, came through the market carrying a bundle of firewood. He said: "Clear the way for the Amir, o ibn Malik!" I said: "This is ".enough." He said: "Clear the way for the Amir with his bundle

Abu Na'eem also mentioned a tradition narrated

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.In his Musnad, vol.۲, pg.۳۴ -۱

.(Al-Ma'arif, pg.۹۴ (biography of Abu Hurayra -۲

It was also mentioned by ibn Sa'd in his Tabaqat, vol.۴, pg.۶۰ (biography of Abu - ۳ .(Hurayra

.In Hilytul Awliya', vol.۱, pg.۳۸۲ -۴

by Ahmed bin Hanbal from Othman ash-Shahham that Farqad as-Sabkhi had said: "Abu Hurayra went around the Ka'ba saying: "Woe to my stomach! If I satiate it, it will be surfeited and if I leave it hungry, it will shame me."

It was mentioned by Rabee'ul Abrar that Abu Hurayra said: "O Allah (S.w.T.), grant me grinding teeth, a digesting stomach and a scattering anus."(١)

Also it was mentioned by Rabee'ul Abrar that Abu Hurayra liked (madheera).(٢) He ate it with Mu'awiya but when the time of prayer came, he offered the prayer behind Imam ´Ali (a.s.). When he was asked about that, he said: "The (madheera) of Mu'awiya was fattier but the prayer behind Ali was better." Therefore he was called (sheikh al-Madheera).(٣)

Abu Othman an-Nahdi said that once Abu Hurayra was in travel with others. They stopped to rest. When they served food, they sent one of them to invite Abu Hurayra where he was offering the prayer. He said that he was fasting. When they were about to finish eating, he came and began to eat. They looked at their friend, whom they had sent to invite Abu Hurayra. He said: "Why do you look at me? I swear that he said to me he was fasting." Abu Hurayra said: "He was right. I heard the Prophet (S.) saying: "Fasting Ramadan and three days of every month equals fasting all the age." I fasted the first three days of the month. I fasted for the duplication of fasting and

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١- Sheikh Qummy in his biography of Abu Hurayra in his book Alkuna wal alQaab references Rabee'ul Abrar.

٢- A kind of soup cooked with sour yogurt.

٣- According to this story it seemed that he attended the battle of Siffeen (between Ali and Mu'awiya) and that he flattered the two sides in order not to prevent himself to return to the victorious side. I have seen near Siffeen, between Iraq and Syria, a shrine called Abu Hurayra. More than one had told me that Abu Hurayra, in some days of the battle of Siffeen, offered the prayer with the army of Imam ´Ali (a.s.) and ate with the army of Mu'awiya, but if the fight began he went to the mountain. When he was asked about that, he said: "Ali is more aware, Mu'awiya's (food) is fattier and the mountain is safer."

(I broke my fasting according to the easing of Allah (S.w.T.)."(۱)

Al-Bukhari mentioned(۲) that Muhammad bin Sireen had said: "We were with Abu Hurayra (in his house). He was clothed in two brocaded linen dresses. He blew his nose with his cloths and said: "What great! Abu Hurayra blows his nose with the linen. I remember when I fell to the ground faintly between the minbar of the Prophet (S.) and the room of A'isha. The comers put their feet on my neck thinking I was mad. But it was no madness. ".It was but of hunger

Ibnul Atheer said in his book al-Bidayeh wan-Nihayeh that he saw Abu Hurayra playing a game called "Seh Dar" or "three doors", which was a Persian game that involved .gambling

Ibn Mandhoor, in his book Lissan ul-Arab, added to that as in the tradition of Yahya bin Abi (Katheer: "The Seh Dar is the little Devil. He means that it is a satanic thing."(۳)

Ad-Dimyeri said in his book Hayat ul-Haywan (the animals' life) about the chess game: "As-Sa'louki narrated that Amirul Mu'mineen Omar bin al-Khattab, Abul Bissr and Abu Hurayra permitted playing chess. It was famous in the books of jurisprudence that Abu Hurayra played chess. Al-Aajuri narrated that Abu Hurayra had said: "The Prophet (S.) said: "If you pass by those who play the azlam,(۴) the chess and the dice, don't greet (them."(۵)

His Death and His Offspring

He died in his castle in al-Aqeeq.(۶) He was carried to Medina by the sons of Othman bin

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.Refer to Abu Na'eem's Hilyatul Awliya', vol.۱, pg.۳۸۵ -۱

Refer to his Sahih, vol۴ chapter of AlItisam bil-kitab wal-Sunnah, pg.۱۵۷. It was also -۲ .mentioned by Abu Na'eem in his Hilytul Awliya', vol.۱, pg.۳۷۹

.Refer to Lissan al-Arab, vol.۶, pg.۳۰ -۳

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Ad-Dimyeri doubted the narrators of this tradition and denied what as-Sawli said that -۵ Imam Zeinul Aabideen had permitted playing the chess. It was certain that all the

infallible imams prohibited playing chess. So did Malik bin Anass, Ahmed bin Hanbal and .Abu Haneefa

It was mentioned by ibn Hajar in al-Issaba, ibn Abdul Birr in al-Isstee'ab, ibnul Hakim in -۶ .al-Mustadrak and other historians

Affan until they reached al-Baqee' (graveyard) as kind of gratitude in return for his good thought about their father.(1) Al-Waleed bin Otba bin Abu Sufyan, who was the goversor of Medina then, offered the prayer for the dead instead of Marwan, who was deposed.(2) Al-Waleed advanced to offer the prayer, in spite of that ibn Omar, Abu Sa'eed al-Khudari and other companions were there, to honor Abu Hurayra in return for his great services .for the Umayyads

Al-Waleed sent his uncle Mu'awiya a letter telling him of the death of Abu Hurayra. Mu'awiya wrote to his nephew: "Look for his inheritors and pay them ten thousand dinars. Do them favors and let them be comfortable in your neighborhood because Abu Hurayra ".supported Othman and was with him in the house when he was killed

He died in fifty-seven or (it was said) fifty-eight or fifty-nine of hijra. He was seventy-.eight years old

As for his offspring, as we knew, he had a son called al-Muharrir and a daughter. Al-Muharrir had a son called Na'eem, who narrated that his grandfather Abu Hurayra had a thread with two thousand knots. He did not sleep until he glorified Allah (S.w.T.) with his (two thousand knots thread.(3

Na'eem also narrated from his grandfather that someone had asked the Prophet (S.): "What do you advise me to trade with? The Prophet (S.) said to him: "Deal with cloth! ".Because the dealer of cloth wishes people to be always in good and wealth

Ibn Sa'd mentioned al-Muharrir in his Tabaqat

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1- (Refer to ibn Sa'd's Tabaqat, vol.۴, pg.۶۳ (Abu Hurayra's biography.
2- (Refer to Isstee'ab, Issaba, Tabaqat and al-Mustadrak (Abu Hurayra's biography.
3- Refer to Hilyatul Awliya', vol.۱, pg.۳۸۰ and ۳۸۳.

and said that he narrated a little traditions and that he died during the reign of Omar bin Abdul Aziz.

Conclusion

Let us conclude our book with two words the Prophet (S.) had said wisely as evidence to prove the aberration of those deviants in order to warn people from them.

The first word concerned Abu Hurayra, ar-Rahhal bin Unfuwa and al-Furat bin Hayyan. Once when they went out from the Prophet (S.) meeting, he said referring to them: "The thirst of one of you in Hell is greater than the other's. He has a perfidious mind."(۱)

Abu Hurayra and al-Furat often said after that(۲) that they didn't feel safe until ar-Rahhal renegaded and was killed with Musaylama the Liar.

As if they (Abu Hurayra and al-Furat) tried to interpret the Prophet's (S.) saying to refer to one of them only as ar-Rahhal renegaded and joined Musaylama after the death of the Prophet (S.).

They confused the truth of the Prophet's (S.) saying when he generalized. It was like the sayings of Allah (S.w.T.):

(Does one of you like that he should have a garden of palms and vines) Baqara ۲:۲۶۶,

(one of them loves that he should be granted a life of a thousand years) Baqara ۲:۹۶,

(And when one of them is given news of that of which he sets up as a likeness for the Beneficent God) Zukhruf ۴۳:۱۷,

(And when a daughter is announced to one of them his face becomes black and he is full of wrath) Nahl ۱۶:۵۸

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۱- Refer to Saif bin Omar in his Futooh from Ahmad bin Furat bin Hayyan, also refer to al-Issaba and al-Isstee'ab (biography of Furat). Also it was mentioned by other historians.

۲- Refer to al-Issaba and al-Isstee'ab (al-Furat biography). It was mentioned by other

.historians, too

and many other examples in the Qur'an, the Sunna and the speech of the Arabs. The Arabs said in their praise: (The hand of one of them rains with gold. The heart of one of them overflows with compassion) and they said in their dispraise: (The face of one of them is a symbol of impudence. The heart of one of them is harder than the rocks). So the Prophet's (S.) saying didn't concern a certain one of the two (Abu Hurayra and al Furat) .but it concerned all three. This was the fact of the tradition

If the Prophet (S.) wanted to refer to a certain one of those three, he would show that clearly by mentioning his name or a distinguishing aspect and wouldn't say a confused tradition, which was not possible for the Prophet (S.), because the innocent ones would be wronged. So if it was known that one of them was perfidious and he would be in Hell without knowing exactly who he was, the three of them would participate in the verdict. After that it was not to trust or depend upon their sayings or witnesses and not to entrust them with any of the Muslims' affairs. They would be forbidden from the civil rights in Islam and the umma had to avoid them in whatever concerned truthfulness and fairness according to the Islamic rule about suspicions. That was enough evidence to renounce .the three of them

,Definitely the Prophet (S.) would define the perfidious one

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who would be in Hell, and wouldn't let the innocent ones suffer his prediction as long as they lived besides the bad thought of people about them. Certainly he wouldn't do that, unless the three of them were the same.

If you say: the Prophet (S.) might refer to ar-Rahhal by saying something or pointing to him and that was unknown to us.

We say: if there was something of that, it would not be unknown for Abu Hurayra and al-Furat, who didn't find anything to make them feel safe except when ar-Rahhal renegaded then they prostrated to thank Allah (S.w.T.). After that they often said that they hadn't felt safe until ar-Rahal did so.(۱)

If you say: the Prophet (S.) said that in general before ar-Rahhal renegaded and joined Musaylama the Liar and was killed with him. Hence, after ar-Rahhal did so, it became clear that he himself, whom the Prophet (S.) did mean by his tradition without the other two.

We say first: it was understood from the Prophet's (S.) saying: "..one of you.." that it referred to the all without exception as we explained before and quoted some similar examples from the holy Qur'an. It had nothing to do with the renegade of ar-Rahhal for he was bad before that. So were his two friends.

Second: it was impossible for the prophets (a.s.) to hide the truth when it was required or to delay it until its time elapsed. The time in this case related to the same moment of uttering this

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۱- Their prostration and saying such were mentioned in al-Isstee'ab, al-Issaba and in other history books.

word by the Prophet (S.). If anyone of these three deserved any respect or regard, the Prophet (S.) would declare the perfidious one of them by the name. In fact since they became Muslims, they were suspected of their traditions, witnesses and everything else. If it was not necessary to renounce the three of them, the Prophet (S.) would show the name of one of them before he died. He would not leave the matter for the renegade of !ar-Rahhal to explain his tradition

Third: al-Furat bin Hayyan was a spy for the polytheist and an eye for Abu Sufyan to spy on the Prophet (S.) and the Muslims. When the Muslims wanted to kill him according to the Prophet's (S.) order, he declared to be a Muslim in order to spare his life. The Prophet (S.) said:(۱) "There are some of you, I gift them to remain Muslims. One of them is al-Furat bin Hayyan." So he was as bad as ar-Rahhal. Then how could we decide that the Prophet (S.) referred in his tradition to ar-Rahhal and not to al-Furat, who became a Muslim just to spare his life or Abu Hurayra, who had booked his ticket to Hell before his two friends according to the Prophet (S.) saying: "Whoever ascribes a fabricated tradition to me, is to ".occupy his seat in Hell

The second word concerned Abu Hurayra, Samara bin Jundub al-Fazari and Abu Mahthoora al-Jumahi, whom the Prophet (S.) warned one day by saying: "The last of you

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Refer to al-Istee'ab and al-Issaba (Biography of Furat). Al-Hakem in his Mustadrak, - ۱ vol.۴, pg.۳۶۶ mentioned that al-Furat was a spy and an ally of Abu Sufyan. The Prophet(s.a.w.) ordered to kill him. He passed by some of the Ansar and said: "I am a Muslim." They said to the Prophet(S.) that he said he was a Muslim. The Prophet said: "There are some of you that we consign them to their pretended faith. One of them is al-".Furat bin Hayyan

(to die will be in Hell."(۱

It was a wise method of the Prophet (S.) to discard the polytheists from participating in the Muslims' affairs. Since the Prophet (S.) knew the hidden reality of those three men, so he wanted to infuse into the minds of his umma the doubt about them to avoid them in .order not to entrust any one of them with a task that had to be done by a trusty believer

He said that one of them, who was to die the last, would be in Hell without defining a certain one of the three of them. Days and nights elapsed and the tradition remained as it was without any definition or addition until the Prophet (S.) joined his Exalted Lover in the best world. Then the umma had to discard them all from any position concerning the believers and to prevent them the rights according to the traditional and rational rule about suspicions. If the three were not the same in this matter, the Prophet (S.) definitely .would define one of them

If you say: there might be a definition about one of them but it became unknown for us .because of the long period

(We say: if it was so, not all of those three would be so afraid from this warning.(۲

There was no any difference in this matter if there was no definition or it became unknown. All the three men shared the same verdict of the Prophet (S.); therefore it had to be

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.(Refer to al-Issaba and al-Istee'ab (biography of Samara bin Jundub -۱

As it was clear for those, who inspected their affairs in this concern in the historians' -۲ .books

.applied to anyone of them

If you say: the Prophet (S.) said that in general before the first and the second died. After their death it became clear that he, who remained after them, was the intended one to be .in Hell. So there was no any problem

We say first: you knew well as we had said before that it was impossible for the prophets to hide the truth when it was required or to delay it until its time elapsed. You knew, too, that its time was related to the same moment of uttering this warning. If one of these three men was virtuous or regardable, the Prophet (S.) would show that by defining one of them in order not to wrong the other innocent ones. The Prophet (S.) was far away from preventing someone his right or disgracing someone, who was innocent and didn't deserve to be disgraced and to remain disgraced until he died without knowing his .innocence except if he died, according to this null supposition, before his two friends

Second: we, by Allah (S.w.T.), tried our best in researching and inspecting to know who was the last of them in dying but we couldn't because the sayings about the dates of their deaths were confused and contradicted.(۱)

Third: the great characters and the high morals of the Prophet (S.), who (became grievous when the believers fell into distress, excessively solicitous about them and had compassion on them)(۲), would not face those, whom he respected, with this severe saying

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۱- One of the historians said that Samara had died in fifty-seven of hijra and Abu Hurayra had died in fifty-nine. This was contradicted by another saying that Abu Hurayra had died in fifty-seven of hijra and so on for the rest of the historians' sayings. But the more alike of the sayings showed that all of the three had died in fifty-nine without specifying the .month and the day of their deaths

۲- As Allah (S.w.T.) described him in the Qur'an.

the last of you to die will be in Hell). It was not possible for him, who had the sublime) morality, to overtake someone innocent and didn't deserve to be overtaken by such severe saying (the great thirst of one of you in Hell.). If one of these three men (or those) was good, the Prophet (S.) would not include him in this hard surprise and cruel defiance, but the revelation obliged him to do so for the sake of Allah (S.w.T.) and the umma because

.Nor does he speak out of desire. It is naught but revelation that is revealed) ۵۳:۳)

It was enough for Abu Hurayra to be in his disgrace, which the prophetic traditions put him in. Let you yourself decide when you see the crimes committed by Samara; his horrible excessiveness in shedding the Muslims' bloods,(۱) selling wine publicly,(۲) doing wrong to al-Ansari, disobeying the Prophet (S.) when he invited him to reconcile between him and a man in a case happened between them about Samara's date-palm, which was inside the house of that man. The Prophet (S.) promised him to have one in Paradise instead of that but he refused in a way showing that he wasn't faithful.(۳) Once he wounded the head of the Prophet's (S.) she-camel disdainfully and scornfully, besides his .many other bad deeds

As for Abu Mahthoora, he was one of the freed captives and one of those, whom the Prophet (S.) gifted to attract them to Islam in order to be safe

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Refer to Sharh an-Nahj al-Hameedi, vol.۱, pg.۳۶۳ to see the details of that. Refer to at- -۱ Tabari's Tareekh, the events of the year fifty of hijra and chapter eight in our book al-.Fusool al-Muhimma

.Refer to Ahmed's Musnad, vol.۱, pg.۲۵ -۲

.Refer to Sharh Nahjul Balagha by ibn Abul Hadeed, vol.۱, pg.۳۶۳ -۳

from their plots against the Muslims. He became a Muslim after the Prophet (S.) had conquered Mecca and after he had come back from the Battle of Hunayn victoriously against the big tribe of Hawazin. At that time no one was more hated to Abu Mahthoora .than the Prophet (S.) and his orders

He often mocked at the Prophet's (S.) caller, who announced azan, and imitated him loudly in ridiculous manner. But the purse of silver, which the Prophet (S.) used to give him, and the booties of Hunayn, which the Prophet (S.) granted to the freed captives of his enemies, who fought against him and his great morals that embraced whomever declared the shahada, with his severity towards those, who didn't declare it, all that made the Arabs became Muslims group by group. And so Abu Mahthoora and his likes were obliged unwillingly to become Muslims. He didn't immigrate to Medina until he died in !Mecca.(۱) Allah (S.w.T.) knew well this man's hidden intentions

One word remained that was said by ibn Abdul Birr about this warning concerning these three men. He said in his book al-Istee'ab about Samara bin Jundub: "He died in Basra during the reign of Mu'awiya in fifty-eight of hijra. He fell into a pot full of hot water, which he was to sit on as treatment because he suffered from bad tetanus, and died. That confirmed the Prophet's (S.) saying to him, Abu Hurayra and to a third one with them: "The last of you

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.(Refer to al-Issaba (biography of Abu Mahthoora -۱

".to die will be in (fire) Hell

It was an odd interpretation, which the text didn't mean. No one understood it in this way even the three men, who were meant by this tradition, didn't doubt about its meaning, therefore each of them wished, as it was mentioned by the historians, to die before his two friends. It was not certain that Samara died after the other two. Ibn Abdul Birr said that he died in fifty-eight of hijra whereas Abu Hurayra, according to the sayings of al-Waqidi, ibn Numayr, ibn Obayd, ibnul-Atheer and others, died in fifty-nine, in which Abu Mahthoora died too. It was also said that Abu Mahthoora died in seventy-nine. Ibnul-Kalbi said that Abu Mahthoora died after Samara. So the justification of ibn Abdul Birr about this .tradition was but nonsense

This was the last of what we wanted to say in order to clarify the holy Sunna from the disgraceful defects ascribed to the essence of Islam and its high soul. Thanks to Allah (S.w.T.), who made us succeed to do this simple work, which we pray Allah (S.w.T.) to be of .use for the believers and to make it as relic in the day of Resurrection

Allah (S.w.T.)'s blessing and peace be upon the master and the last of the prophets, his .progeny and his auspicious companions

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